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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### THE PEACE BETWEEN GERMANY AND UKRAINE.

#### Germany's Truculent Attitude Towards Russia.

London, February 10.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that, following the conclusion of peace between Ukraine and Germany, the Press is most truculent towards Russia.  
The *Essen Allgemeine Zeitung* says that the bloody reign of Trotsky's clique will now end soon.  
The *Nord Deutsche* says that if Trotsky misses the last chance of peace, Russia will have to pay the bill. No further speeches can shake the Central Powers' resolve not to evacuate the occupied territories.

The *Mittags Zeitung* says that the question now is not what Trotsky will say, but what will happen to Trotsky.  
The *Sozialist Leipzig Volks Zeitung* warns the Government that a separate peace with Ukraine will make peace with All Russia more remote, besides antagonising Austria, intensifying the civil war in Ukraine, aggravating the difficulties with Poland, and arousing the opposition of German and Austro-Hungarian Labour.

#### The Russo-German Peace Conference.

London, February 10.  
The Conference at Breslitz adjourned until Wednesday, after a discussion on the right of Russians to represent the Poles.

#### Austria's Joy.

London, February 10.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the peace with Ukraine has come as a great relief to Austria. Many buildings in Vienna are being festooned. The Austrian newspapers express confidence that this peace will bring important economic relief to the Quadruple Alliance and anticipate that the efforts will be felt in Russia and Rumania and possibly elsewhere. The *Neue Freie Presse* declares: "The great break up of the war has begun in the East."

#### The Final Negotiations.

London, February 10.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a Berlin correspondent at Breslitz says that Herr von Kuhlmann opened the final sitting with the Ukrainians at two o'clock in the morning on February 9, with a speech hoping that peace with the young State would be the first of a series. The Ukrainian Chairman joyfully hailed peace, which he was convinced would be in the interest of the democratic masses and contribute to the general termination of the war. All the signatures were then appended.

#### Situation Full of Difficulties.

London, February 10.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Zurich, the *Frankfurter Zeitung* deprecates the over-estimating of the benefits of the Ukraine peace, the present situation being very dangerous and full of difficulties. It is of the opinion that Austria will be the chief beneficiary but commercial intercourse must long be delayed owing to the dislocation of the Ukraine railway.

#### Details of the Peace Treaty.

London, February 11.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a Berlin message says the Ukraine peace provides for the restoration of pre-war frontiers between Austria-Hungary and Ukraine, while further north a provisional line has been fixed which will be delimited by a mixed Commission. The evacuation of occupied territories will begin immediately after the ratification of the Treaty. The parties mutually renounce reimbursement of their war costs and indemnification for war damages, while war prisoners are permitted to return home. The parties undertake immediately to enter into economic relations.

#### GERMANY AND RUMANIA.

##### A Four-Days' Ultimatum Issued.

London, February 10.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Basle, the German newspapers state that General Mackensen, on February 6, in the name of the German Government, issued an ultimatum to Rumania to the effect that she must negotiate for peace within four days.

The Rumanian Cabinet, after a long discussion, resigned, and the King accepted the resignation.

##### No New Developments.

London, February 10.  
Reuter has obtained confirmation of the German ultimatum communicated to Rumania on February 5, the Cabinet resigning on February 8. The ultimatum expired on February 9, but no developments have at present transpired.

##### The Rumanian Army.

London, February 10.  
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that, regarding the German ultimatum to Rumania, the newspapers point out that the Rumanian Army is still a considerable force and capable of constituting a serious menace, especially to Germany, as the Rumanians are confronted only by a weak curtain of troops.

##### The New Cabinet.

London, February 11.  
Reuter's correspondent at Jassy says that the King has charged General Averco with the formation of a new Cabinet.

#### CIVIL WAR IN FINLAND.

##### Piercer Battles Than Ever.

London, February 10.  
Civil war is raging fiercer than ever in Finland and is developing in favour of the White Guards, according to dispatches from Stockholm, which is the headquarters of the Finnish anti-Bolshevik organisation. The dispatches state that the White Guards defeated the Red Guards at Kuopio, in the Province of Karelia, and captured Iiborg and took two thousand of the Red Guards prisoner. Many guns and rifles were captured in these engagements. The battle is now proceeding at Viipuri on the Trapsanda Road.

The Finnish Revolutionary Commission, interviewed by the *Manchester Guardian*, said that 4,000 young and better class Finns who had been serving in the German Army throughout the war have returned to Finland with arms and munitions to suppress the revolution while the Finnish Senate has tried to arrange a secret treaty with Sweden to send 30,000 troops to Finland to expel

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

#### The Rada "A Sad Memory."

London, February 11.  
A Russian wireless official message from Breslitz informs M. Trotsky that prior to February 8 the whole of Kieff was in the hands of the Soviets, with the exception of the Pechersky Monastery, where remnants of the Kieff Rada were entrapped. Pechersky was captured on February 8 and the remnants of the Rada forces fled. Nothing remains of the Rada but a sad memory, and its Delegation at Breslitz is therefore a non-existent authority.

#### Economic Discussions.

London, February 11.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that three official representatives of Austrian agricultural societies have gone to Kieff to discuss economic questions.

#### Pay During Strikes.

London, February 11.  
Reuter's correspondent at Stockholm says that the Bolsheviks at Helsingfors have declared that the workers must be paid wages during a strike.

#### A Strange Declaration.

London, February 11.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a message from Breslitz dated February 10, says that at today's sitting the President of the Russian Delegation stated that Russia, while desisting from the signing of a formal Peace Treaty, declares to have ended the state of war with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria and is giving orders for a complete demobilisation of the Russian forces on all fronts.

## THE ANGLO-DUTCH QUESTIONS.

London, February 10.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the papers imply that the raising of the embargo on cables is the result of an offer to Holland to submit the matter to arbitration, pending which the transit of sand and gravel will be stopped. They also suggest that if Germany does not allow the Dutch Commission freely to investigate, Holland will be relieved of any obligation to allow transit.

## TORPEDOED WITHIN TERRITORIAL WATERS.

London, February 10.  
Reuter's correspondent at Madrid says that the Italian steamer *Dacadi Genova* has been torpedoed a mile off Sagunto. The Government is investigating the matter, with a view to a protest to Berlin.

## CLYDE WORKERS AND MAN-POWER.

London, February 11.  
The result of today's large and representative meeting of the Clyde engineering and shipbuilding trades confirms a more reasonable attitude to be prevailing on the Clyde regarding man-power. The meeting passed a resolution to the effect that it would await the decision of the Allied Labour and Socialist Conference on February 20 and discuss the matter again afterwards.

## BRITISH MINISTER OF PROPAGANDA.

London, February 10.  
The Press Bureau says that Sir Edward Carson's resignation has necessitated the appointment of a Minister of Propaganda. Sir Frederick Cawley, believing that the Propaganda Ministry could be usefully combined with the Chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster, has resigned the latter position. Mr. Beaver Brook has been appointed to the joint position of Propaganda Minister and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

## NOTED PACIFIST SENT TO PRISON.

London, February 10.  
The Honourable Mr. Bertrand Russell has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment at Bow Street for publishing statements calculated to prejudice Anglo-American relations. Mr. Russell described the American Army as strike-breakers.

## AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN FINANCES.

London, February 10.  
Reuter's correspondent at Zurich says that the Austro-Hungarian Bank returns have been published for the first time for three and a half years. They show that while the note circulation has enormously increased, the gold cover has decreased to the point of extinction. The cover was one per cent. of the note circulation in 1917 as compared with 22 per cent. in 1914.

## ANTI-GERMAN CAMPAIGN IN AUSTRIA.

London, February 10.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that articles in the German papers denounce the growing anti-German campaign in Austria, which is chiefly conducted by International Socialists in the German-speaking districts.

## "VORWAERTS" EDITOR IN TROUBLE.

London, February 10.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that Herr von Kuttner, a lister of *Vorwaerts*, was court-martialled on February 8 on a charge of high treason in an article in *Vorwaerts* on January 29, but the trial has been postponed owing to the leader writer.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

#### Germans Raid a Post.

London, February 10.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: "The enemy raided this morning a post north-west of St. Quentin. Two men are missing. There is hostile artillery firing on the Baspume-Cambrai road."

#### The Guns Active.

London, February 10.  
A French communique says that there is considerable artillery activity in Champagne and on the right bank of the Meuse.

#### Another Enemy Raid.

London, February 10.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, states: "The enemy, under cover of a trench mortar bombardment, raided west of Connelieu. Five of our men are missing. There has been artillery firing in the neighbourhood of Houthulst Forest."

#### Violent Artillery Actions.

London, February 10.  
A French communique states: "There are violent artillery actions on both banks of the Meuse and in the Vosges. An enemy coup de main on small posts in Bourcelles, in Argonne, collapsed."

#### On the British Front.

London, February 10.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, states: "Hostile raiders were repulsed with loss last night south of Houthulst Forest. There is hostile artillery firing south of Cambrai. Several successful aerial reconnaissances were carried out on Saturday, despite low clouds and high winds. Nearly a ton of bombs were thrown on various targets. Observations enabled the artillery effectively to engage hostile batteries. One German machine was driven down. One of our machines is missing. Our bombing machines, of which one is missing, carried out a successful raid in unfavourable weather on Saturday night. Nearly a ton of bombs was dropped with good results on important railway junctions and sidings at Ouarcelles les Mets."

#### Keeping Tally with Enemy Movements.

London, February 10.  
Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters states: "Bad weather has restricted our activity during the last few days. The Germans continue freely to employ their increasing artillery and are carrying out raids in various parts of the line in order to learn what we know of their future plans and what steps we are taking to counter-act their prospective efforts. Despite the adverse atmospheric conditions, we have kept tally with all movements of enemy troops and material."

#### More Artillery Activity.

London, February 11.  
A French communique says: "There is fairly violent artillery firing in the regions of Neuport, Juvencourt, and south of Moronvillers in Champagne."

#### An Australian Raid.

London, February 11.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: "Australians successfully raided to the south-east of Meuniers and inflicted casualties, also securing twenty-eight prisoners. A Belgian patrol attacked a post in the Merckem sector, killing the garrison."

#### "TINO'S" PERFDY.

##### His Subsidy to be Stopped.

London, February 10.  
Reuter's correspondent at Athens says that ex-King Constantine's subsidy will be stopped in view of his hostility to Greece, of which the latest instance is the despatch of Greek officers from Greece to Constantinople to recruit Greek Ottomans to fight the Greeks in Macedonia.

## DUTCH STEAMERS.

### Agreement Between the Entente and Holland.

London, February 10.  
Reuter's correspondent at the Hague says that a Note has been issued by the Dutch Foreign Office outlining an economic agreement which is being negotiated between Holland, the Entente and America, whereby Dutch ships will be allowed to transport supplies to Holland, the remaining Dutch tonnage to be at the disposal of America and Great Britain for use outside the danger zone.

## POISON GAS DENOUNCED.

London, February 10.  
Reuter's correspondent at Bern says that the International Red Cross Committee has issued an appeal to the belligerents to abandon the use of poison gas.

## YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, February 9.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states: "The enemy's patrols are more active northward of Lens. In another report Sir Douglas Haig says: 'We drove off raiders attempting to approach the line south-westward of Arras. Another party which raided a post in the neighbourhood of Oppy left a large number of dead. One of our men is missing. There is hostile artillery firing between Bellecourt, the Scarpe River, northward of Lens and north-eastward of Ypres.'"

### AIR FIGHTS IN ITALY.

London, February 9.  
A British official message from Italy says: "We shot down during the past week fifteen air-craft and drove down one out of control. One of ours was lost."

## DUTCH CABLE COMMUNICATIONS.

London, February 9.  
The embargo on Dutch cables has been provisionally raised.

## MACAO CARNIVAL.

### Happy Celebrations on Sunday.

There were happy doings at Macao on Sunday, on the occasion of the Carnival and Battle of Flowers organised by Lady Viscount de Matos in aid of the Portuguese Red Cross Fund. Groups of visitors went to the Portuguese settlement in order to enjoy the amusements provided, and one and all spent a thoroughly happy time.

The Battle of Flowers began at the Avenida Vasco da Gama at 3.30 p.m., by which time both the specially-erected stands were filled to overflowing. H.E. the Governor and Lady de Matos arrived, with their little son, all attired in white, in a white car, which was drawn by two milk white ponies, and were given a most cordial reception. There were some wonderfully designed cars in the procession, and the first prize went to Mr. Foreland Moore, who received 53 votes for most effective decoration of his car in white and yellow, the occupants being Mr. Moore's charming children dressed as pirates. The second prize was won by the Fire Brigade Department, with a dust-cart very skilfully converted into an old-time man of war, the sailors being attired in the dress of the period. Red Crosses were displayed on the sails, while old muzzle-loading guns were fired at intervals of five minutes during the car's tour. The cart was drawn by two bullocks, and the whole idea was designed by Lady de Matos. The third prize went to Mr. Galleon, who had converted his motor car into a submarine, with a very lively crew of British blue-jackets, with Mr. Galleon as Commander. Mr. O. O. Moore won the fourth prize, with a magnificent boat made to resemble an aeroplane. Madame Rieau and Madame Laura Maia had an equal number of votes for fifth place, but as there were only five prizes the former won on a drawing of lots.

At night there was a special concert and reception at Government House, there being over sixty ladies present, including many from Hongkong. It was here that the prizes were decided by the votes of those attending. The first part of the evening was devoted to a concert, provided by a special string band, and afterwards dancing was indulged in until the early hours of the morning. The supper room was very tastefully decorated, and on the table was a beautiful representation of a large Chinese junk, lit up with electric lights.

The whole day was immensely enjoyed by everybody, all entering into the spirit of the occasion. Yesterday afternoon over a hundred ladies and gentlemen, wearing masks, paid a surprise visit to Government House, where dancing was kept up till evening, and later they toured the town, headed by a band, and visited many private residences. The Red Cross Fund should greatly benefit as a result of the celebrations, the Portuguese of Hongkong having contributed largely to the object.

## DON'T FORGET.

### TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
New Hongkong Cinema—9.15 p.m.

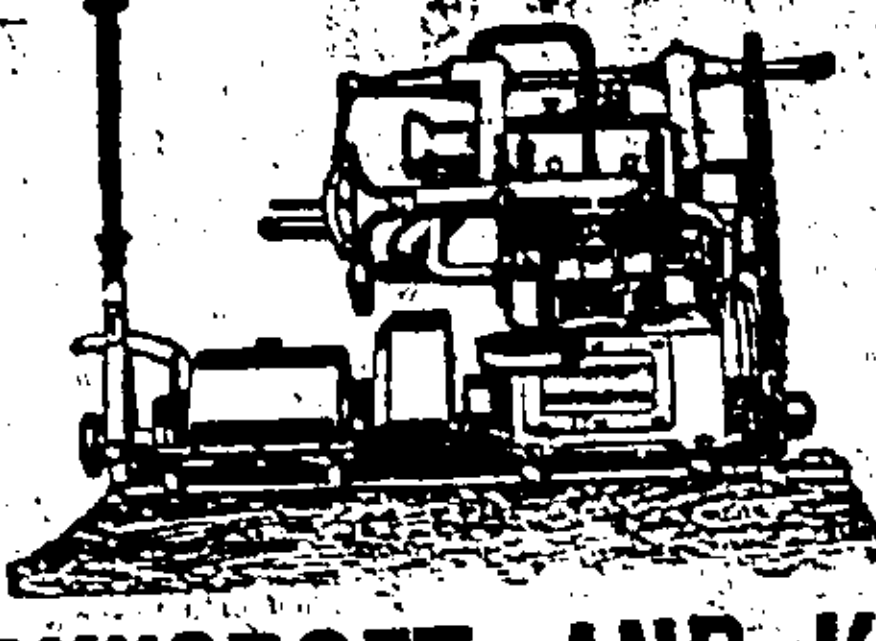
### TO-MORROW.

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Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
New Hongkong Cinema—9.15 p.m.

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Esos Meeting—24.15.  
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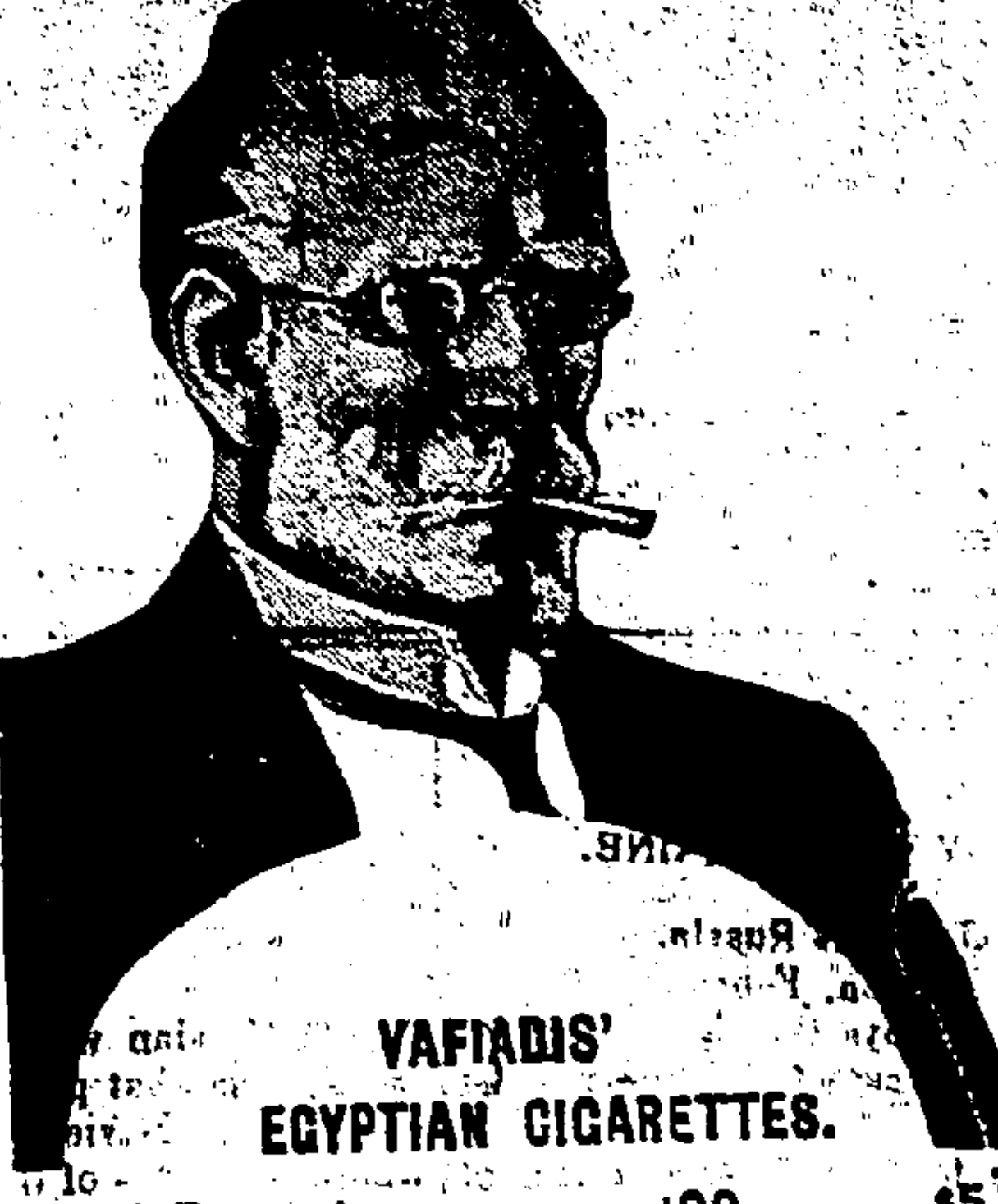
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GENERAL NEWS.

**Escaped Prisoners Recaptured.**  
Three Germans who escaped from Handforth camp, were captured at Stalybridge and taken back to camp recently. Five prisoners escaped, and it is known that they went off in two parties. It is believed that the two men still at large will be caught. The three prisoners who were recaptured wore soldier's uniforms, and said that they had slept during the daytime, but did not know where they had been.

**Belgian Anniversary Rally.**  
The Belgian Society in London recently celebrated the anniversary of the Battle of the Yser by an entertainment in Queen's Hall, the proceeds of which will go to fund the provision of warm clothing and other comforts for Belgian soldiers in the front. The principal feature of the entertainment was a film showing Belgian troops defending their country during 1914, the light of day from the advancing enemy, and the ruin wrought by the German bombardment, and elsewhere. A list of names of the Belgian Army has played in concert with the Allies. The recitation of Belgian war poems and organ selections from Belgian composers were greatly enjoyed. The road has the patronage of Princess Clementine, the Duchess of Somerset, Lady Wenglok, Lady Lugard, Earl Curzon of Kedleston, M. Paul Hymans, and M. Emile Vandervelde.

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At Bow-street Police Court, before Mr. Garrett, A. J. Sole (Limited), of Jermyn-street, Covent Garden, and Mr. Arthur Sole, managing director of the firm, were summoned on 23 separate charges of having in May last sold potatoes at prices exceeding the maximum prices permitted at that time under the Seed Potatoes Order, 1917. It was stated that Mr. Sole accepted the entire responsibility, and the summonses against the firm were therefore withdrawn. Mr. Barker (Messrs. Wootton and Sons), who prosecuted for the Food Controller, said there had really been 293 sales at illegal prices at the firm's depots, for every one of which they might have been summoned, and the excess profits realised from such sales had amounted to \$788 19s. Another effect had been to deprive retailers of some of the margin of legitimate profit permitted to them. Mr. Patrick Hastings, counsel for Mr. Sole, urged mitigating circumstances, but the Magistrate said it was a bad case, and he ordered the defendant to pay a fine of \$50 on each of the 23 summonses, in addition to 50 guineas costs, amounting in all to \$1,202 10s.

**Increase of French Food Supply.**  
Paris, Nov. 9.—In the Chamber of Deputies today M. Maurice Long, Minister for Food Supply, replying to various interpellations on the subject of the supply of wheat in France, gave some figures showing the improvement in the situation effected by means of France's own resources and by those of her Allies. "Imports," he said, "amounted to 1,800,000 quintals (100lb. weight) in September, to more than 1,600,000 quintals in October, and would be 2,500,000 quintals in November. This is due to the assistance of our Allies, and the figures will reach nearly 3,000,000 quintals in December. The British Government had placed at the disposal of France 500,000 quintals of flour, and 300,000 quintals of wheat, and had decided to place at the disposal of France 100,000 quintals for loading in November, and the same amount for loading in December. M. Long had reached a full agreement for co-operation between the two Governments in the matter of food supply, and this agreement was now being executed. The situation is, therefore, satisfactorily settled, and will allow of our avoiding a rationing of food, as has been lately occurred. At the same time, certain restrictions will be necessary, among them the rationing of all cereals, and flour mills. France could count on having an average daily bread ration of 400 grammes (15.5lb. of 1lb.) per head of the population."



GENERAL NEWS.

**Major Fleming's Disposal of His Salary.**  
Major Valentine Fleming, Yeomanry, Unionist member for the Henley or Southern Division of Oxfordshire since 1910, of Pitt House, Hampstead, N.W., a partner in the firm of Robert Fleming and Co., Crosby-square, E.C., who rowed in the Eton Eight and for Magdalen College, and at Henley, and who was killed in action on May 20, has left real and personal estate of the gross value of £285,598. The testator bequeathed his salary as an M.P. from the time of the outbreak of the war until his death, should he be then M.P. for South Oxfordshire to W. H. Ashurst and Sir Frank Crisp, as representing the Conservative and Liberal bodies, to be applied for the relief of soldiers disabled in the war or their dependents residing in the South Oxon Division, and who have served in the Oxford Yeomanry or the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

**"Impudence and Hypocrisy."**  
Amsterdam, Nov. 8.—Commenting on Mr. Balfour's speech in the House of Commons on Tuesday, the *Cologne Gazette* says:—"The Central Powers have made no detailed peace proposals because they are in earnest regarding peace. They know that all official war aim programmes are only means of sharpening antagonisms and prolonging the war. The Entente's impudent answer to Mr. Wilson's peace proposal and Mr. Wilson's equally impudent reply to the Pope's Note have not hastened the advent of peace, but further postponed it. When Mr. Balfour combats the reproach of Imperialism, that is likewise British hypocrisy. When Britain declares her readiness to return all colonies to Germany and restore our commercial houses abroad which she has smashed up, and when she voluntarily evacuates Mesopotamia and the Sinai Peninsula, then we will believe that she is not fighting for Imperialist objects. No Britisher has a right to pass judgment on Germany on questions of international morality. Englishmen are the last people in the world to preach international morality."

**Rescues From a Burning Ship.**  
The King has been pleased to confer the decoration of the Albert Medal upon Acting Quartermaster-Sergeant James William Brown, R.A.M.C., Sergeant William Seymour, Northumberland Fusiliers, and Privates Arthur Duff Hadden Allan and James Outhbertson, of the R.A.M.C. (T). The following is an account of the services in respect of which the decoration has been conferred:—"On the morning of February 5, 1917, a serious explosion, followed by a fire, occurred on the French troopship St. Laurent at Malta. After some time it was observed that three men in the forepart of the ship, where the flames were fiercest, were cut off from the rest. None of the boats near would approach the ship, owing to the heat and danger of a further explosion, until Acting Quartermaster-Sergeant Brown persuaded a Maltese policeman to row him out; but when within thirty yards of the ship the policeman refused to go farther. Brown returned, and was then joined by Seymour, Allan, and Outhbertson. They rowed directly to the forepart of the ship, the sides of which were by this time red hot, while the plates were falling into the sea. When they were within a few yards of the forepart, the three men in the forepart jumped into the sea and were rescued; the third, who had climbed up the mast, was saved later when the mast fell."

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GENERAL NEWS.

The Worcester's Historic Charge.

The announcement was made at Worcester recently by Alderman Carlton, who was re-elected Mayor, that a central block of houses, to be erected for disabled Worcester soldiers and sailors, would commemorate the glorious charge of the Worcesters at Gheluvelt, which saved the British line and the Empire three years ago. He suggested that the freedom of the City should be conferred on Lieutenant-Colonel Hankey, who led the Worcesters on that occasion. Nelson was the first freeman whose name was placed on Worcester's roll.

Denmark's Need to Export Butter.

Copenhagen, November 9.—At a great meeting of traders held here last evening, M. Rode, Minister of the Interior, speaking of the situation in Denmark during the fourth year of the war, said:—"The war has gradually become also an economic war against neutrals. The effects of the blockade war have already been severely felt in our community, which finds itself in a position without precedent during the last 100 years. Butter and fats are to be rationed. This is awaited with anxiety in several quarters, and a demand is being made for the prohibition of the export of butter. But we must remember that if we do not supply foreign

countries with butter, we shall have no coal or paper, and no iron hoops and barrels in which to seal and pack butter for keeping. If, therefore, we do not export butter, we shall have no butter in our own country."

The Food Hog.

That "peace and plenty" will no longer go hand in hand, and that in future we must depend largely upon our own food supplies, was the theme of Mr. Prothero's speech recently, when he was the guest at luncheon of the British Empire Producers' Organisation. It was almost certain, he said, that the demand for the world's exportable surplus food would be largely increased after the war, while at the same time the productive power of the soil of the world would be falling. We had been so accustomed to go round the corner to buy supplies of food that it is difficult to persuade the people that these outside supplies would no longer be available to the same extent. "I wish," said Mr. Prothero, "to create no exaggerated alarm. It will be more profitable for us to consider what are the remedies. The first is economy in the use of food. The 'food-hog' is a national curse; waste of food is a national treason—not only to this nation, but to the Allies as well. But economy does not go far enough. To preach economy to the man whose cupboard is bare is to preach to the converted. The only way is to increase to the utmost the food supply of the country."

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GENERAL NEWS.

**State Aid for Sugar Beet.**  
During the past financial year £5,125 had been advanced by the Government for beetroot sugar cultivation or factory work in Great Britain, said Sir Richard Wintley, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, in the House of Commons a few weeks ago. In 1913-14 the sum of £11,000 had been advanced. Sir Richard added that a further sum of £125,000 would be advanced for the purchase of an estate, to be used as soon as circumstances permit, for the cultivation of sugar-beet and the erection of a factory.

**Indian Industrial Bank.**  
Bombay, Nov. 8.—The prospective formation is announced of "The Tata Industrial Bank" with an authorised capital of six crores of rupees (about £4,000,000), of which two and half crores are paid up. A considerable portion of the capital is to be taken by an influential London group of financiers, who will help to select the staff and organise the management. Public subscriptions are not invited. A circular explains that the scheme of the bank is to do all ordinary and exchange business, but it will have the special function of assisting the development of existing and new industries, underwriting debentures, &c. The bank will have an expert intelligence section, scientific and commercial, to report on the schemes brought to its notice. Early Italian and French books. Some fine books from the library of the late Earl of Moxborough were sold at Sotheby's on December 18 and following days. They were mostly in choice bindings by well-known modern craftsmen, while Ackermann's "History of Cambridge," in two volumes, had beautiful fre-edge paintings by Edwards of Halifax representing St. John's House and the other King's College. The rare early Italian and French books included a fine and unillustrated copy of the Aldine Columns, 1499, one of the original editions of Biondello, "Canti XI," 1545, the first book printed at Agen, in the Province of Gascogne, and an extra-illustrated copy of the Didot Lefontaine of 1795. The same sale included, from other sources, many rare American, a practically perfect copy of the first edition of Tyndale's New Testament printed by Jaggard, 1552, of which only about three perfect copies are recorded, as it was called in and burnt under Queen Mary's Proclamation of 1553, and a number of illuminated manuscripts.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE HONGKONG.

NOTICE is hereby given of a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING to be held on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th 1918. 5.30 P.M. CITY HALL.

when the following Resolution will be submitted, that Rule 5 of the Society shall be changed from:—

The management of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in the Committee. The Committee shall consist of seven members elected at each ordinary Annual General Meeting; together with the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and all Past Presidents present from time to time in Hongkong, who shall be members of the Committee *ex officio*. The Committee shall have power to fill up any casual vacancies that may occur in their body until the next ordinary Annual General Meeting. At meetings of the Committee three shall form a quorum.

To the management of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in the Committee. The Committee shall consist of twelve members elected at each ordinary Annual General Meeting; together with the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and all Past Presidents present from time to time in Hongkong, who shall be members of the Committee *ex officio*. The Committee shall have power to fill up any casual vacancies that may occur in their body until the next ordinary Annual General Meeting. At meetings of the Committee three shall form a quorum.

If passed a Ballot will then be taken for the Five additional Members of the Committee.

All Members are urged to attend.

JOHN BENTLEY,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 5th February, 1918.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., on THURSDAY, 21st February, 1918, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 11th February, to THURSDAY, 21st February, 1918, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE. By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. S. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1918.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 11th February, to SATURDAY the 23rd February, 1918, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
N. J. STABE,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 5th January, 1918.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

NOTICE.

ON and after 16th February, 1918, the hours for the transaction of business by the Hongkong Savings Bank will be 10 A.M. to 12 NOON every week day except SATURDAYS.

The Savings Bank will not be open for business on SATURDAYS on and after 16th February, 1918.  
For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,  
N. J. STABE,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 7th February, 1918.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 19th February, 1918, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to 19th February, 1918, both days inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN ARNOLD,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, 19th January, 1918.

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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1913.

## CHINA AND THE NEW YEAR.

When China adopted the Republican form of government, one of the many innovations which was resolved upon was the substitution of the Gregorian for the Chinese calendar. But, as in the case of the adoption of European dress, the idea, though taken up most enthusiastically at first, has gradually lost its popularity. Despite a seeming anxiety to progress with the times, things still move slowly in China, and, whether in the interior or at the Treaty Ports, "old custom" continues to be the dominating factor among the Chinese in most of their activities. Then once again we have seen Chinese New Year observed by the native population of Hongkong, as no doubt it has been throughout the whole country, with as much enthusiasm, if not more, as ever before. Young and old alike have entered thoroughly into the spirit of the occasion, and it has been good to see the joy and happiness which so many whose lot is ordinarily dull and monotonous have contrived to extract from the observance of the past few days.

At a time like the present, when there is so much evidence of outward goodwill and happiness among our friends the Chinese, it is pitiable to think of the unsettled conditions which prevail in their own country. In this respect, the New Year opens none too brightly for China, for, despite all the exertions of those who have the country's real welfare at heart, the situation at the present time wears none too hopeful an aspect. Some little time ago, a cessation of hostilities between the conflicting elements was brought about, and it was hoped that during this armistice a basis of settlement would be found. Unhappily, however, North and South could not adjust their differences, and within the past fortnight or so both the one group of combatants and the other have shown a decidedly more bellicose spirit. Indeed, each seems to have resolved upon war to the knife, and we have in the present circumstances all the necessary ingredients for a further protracted period of turmoil and bloodshed. The pity of it is that on a controversial issue of domestic politics—for that is really the bone of contention—party feeling should run so high as to set one part of the country against the other, even to the point of active military operations. And while party wrangles with party, local administrative control is so utterly weak that lawlessness, brigandage and worse prevail over a large part of the country's territory. All this means poverty and suffering for thousands of the people, while the stagnation in business which inevitably results must react to the serious disadvantage of a country which, even in times of peace, is continually confronted with big financial problems.

Unfortunately, the trouble does not end with internal disorder, for we have had recent cases reported in which even foreign men-of-war and merchant ships have been subjected to attack by brigands on the Yangtze River. The President has, we observe, just issued a mandate on this very point, recording these happenings "to our utmost horror and regret." The burden of this mandate is an instruction to superior and subordinate officials to exert themselves in affording "the best possible protection" to the lives and property of foreigners, "so as to improve our international relations." There is a familiar ring about this advice, but we fear that it will take more than the issuing of Presidential mandates to secure control over those who recognise no laws and who have no scruples so far as injury to foreign interests is concerned. Happenings like these do not inspire hope for future peace and harmony in China, and unless some means can be found out of the present impasse it is to be feared that stormy days lie ahead for this perpetually distressed country in the year which has now begun.

## Road Extensions.

One has only to make a motor trip from Kowloon to Castle Peak to realise to what a marked degree the Government is improving the roads in the New Territories. When the straightening of the road from Shatin to Tai-po is concluded, and when the widening of the section from Au Tau to Castle Peak is finished, there will exist a stretch of nearly forty miles of fine motor road. The completion of the work indicated will not be very long delayed. One can confidently predict that by the end of the summer Hongkong will be able to boast of one of the longest and most picturesque roads in the Far East, for the scheme to link up Castle Peak with Tai Wan and thence on to Lai Chi Kok, Sham Shui Po and Kowloon, is expected to be an accomplished fact. Contracts, so we understand, have been accepted for the making of these portions, and, if they are completed within the time stated, a circular trip of about eighty miles will be possible, and this through scenery that will be very hard to beat. On the island itself, the road round Hongkong is expected to be completed this year, only the sections between Rattles Bay and Tatum, and Tatum and Taitam, and Shaikwan being left to be cut. For this taskers have been invited and work will soon be commenced.

## A Wise Policy.

There is evident wisdom in the policy adopted by the Public Works Department of completing all these roads before time and money is spent in perfecting the existing sections, for the roads as at present constructed are quite usable and their extension will only conduce to more motoring and thus an increase in the business of the Colony. The increase of motor traffic in the Colony in the past two years has been almost phenomenal, and, with the realisation of the schemes which are now being put through, Hongkong will doubtless become possessed of an infinitely larger number of motoring enthusiasts, a fact that will materially add to the already great attractions it has for the tourist and holiday-seeker.

## Child Cruelty.

There are certain Chinese which infect the Colony about the time of Chinese New Year who badly need Police supervision. Among these are the bands of strolling acrobats from the North. Apart from the fact that they make a great nuisance of themselves to many people, they are often guilty of gross cruelty to one or more of the children in their service. Frequently one sees a couple of hulking fellows perambulating the streets with the usual paraphernalia of their trade, and a little boy, who, it is easy to see, is the lock, stock and barrel of the whole outfit. While his two masters squat on their haunches, and rake in the shakels, the diminutive lad does all the work of contortionist and is very often bullied in view of the spectators. Yesterday a most flagrant case of cruelty took place opposite the City Hall, a small boy doing "tricks" for something like a couple of hours—work which a strong man would have objected to, but, ruled by fear, the little fellow did acrobatic business which was obviously causing him much physical suffering. When one thinks that he had been doing this from early morning, and would probably keep it up until late at night, the need for some Police supervision over his taskmasters will be easily realised. At home an admirable society looks after the welfare of boy-brothers, youngsters of this type, but, as no such society exists here, it is up to the Police to take action in putting a stop to cases of cruelty of this description, as well as in other cases where animals are the victims.

## DAY BY DAY.

WE CAN TELL THE QUALITY AND TYPE OF ANYONE'S LIFE BY THE THINGS HE ALLOWS TO ABSORB HIM.

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the second anniversary of the wrecking of the cruiser *Arcturion* by striking a mine.

The Dollar. The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 11.5/8d.

Snatcher Sentenced. A Chinese who was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with snatching a couple of gold and rattle bangles from a child's wrist in Graham Street, was sent to prison for nine months.

A Stiff Sentence. A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with snatching two bangles from the arm of a child being carried on its mother's back. Defendant pleaded guilty. His Worship sent him to prison for twelve months hard labour, and ordered that he receive twelve strokes of the birch.

Harmston's Circus Coming. Mr. R. Alton, the well-known advance agent for Harmston's Circus, is now in the Colony making arrangements for the forthcoming visit of the Circus to Hongkong. At the present time the Circus is at Hanoi, having had a most successful tour through Cochinchina. It is hoped to open here on or about the 24th instant.

Possession of a Cannon. A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning, with being in unlawful possession of a fair sized cannon. Defendant said he had bought it from two men whom he met in the street. Detective Sergeant Murphy said he saw defendant and another man in a coal yard at Yumati carrying the cannon. When they saw him they ran away. He chased them and arrested defendant on the Praya. Defendant was sent to prison for seven days' hard labour.

The New Year. The Chinese New Year Fair drew the customary large crowds of "bargain-hunters" to Queen's Road West and the adjacent thoroughfares on Saturday and Sunday nights. There was the usual array of native stalls, brass and curio dealers predominating, and while most purchasers perused themselves that they had secured more than value for money, the stall-holders were no doubt equally convinced that they had had the better of their patrons! Yesterday the New Year was ushered in with much firing of crackers, and practically all classes of the Chinese community spent the day in feasting, the making of calls and general enjoyment. Business was, of course, quite at a standstill.

## AN EXCITING CAPTURE.

## How a European Caught a Thief.

The story of an exciting capture of a thief by a European was told to Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning, when a Chinese of the coolie class was charged with stealing \$200.

Fred Wittam, chief Officer of the S.S. *Sui On*, stated that he was going aboard last night when he heard a commotion and enquiries elicited the fact that a coolie had stolen \$200 from a man on the wharf and was hiding under the wharf. Witness went aboard, secured an automatic pistol and, engaging a companion, went in search of the thief. Defendant was asked to come out but he refused to do so until witness threatened that he would shoot him unless he did so. Witness then got under the wharf and defendant did a lot of kicking. With the assistance of two Indian watchmen, defendant was dragged up from under the wharf. He was searched and \$200 was found on him.

The case was adjourned.

## THE LATE REV. N.C. POPE.

A Tribute by the Bishop of Victoria.

There was a large congregation at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Sunday morning, when a memorial service was held to the late Chaplain, the Rev. Norman C. Pope. The Rev. O. B. Shan conducted the service, the sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Lander), while at the close the organist, Mr. W. J. Dexter, played the Dead March in "Sini."

In the course of his sermon, the Bishop spoke of the deep personal bereavement which he had suffered through Mr. Pope's death, and referred to the brilliant career which the deceased had at Cambridge, where he gained the Hebrew Scholarship and won high honours in classics and theology. He was a man, said Dr. Lander, who had an exceptionally accurate knowledge of the originals of the Holy Scriptures, he had great gifts as a teacher and he was a preacher of great power, who one felt, ought to have been occupying the pulpit of a crowded London church. He was a man of broad sympathy to all who loved Jesus Christ, and welcomed them all as brethren. No one took a keener interest in the Hongkong Christian Union or the Week of Prayer than he did. He was withal a man of menly piety and frank geniality and had a keen sense of humour; he was a man of indomitable pluck and fortitude.

Proceeding, the Bishop said:—"Such a man was the minister of this congregation for the past six years. I ask you did you appreciate him at his full value? You came in considerable numbers to the Intercessory Service when he was very ill. You sent beautiful flowers to his funeral, but did you show your appreciation him during his lifetime by attending to his ministrations? I fear he was depressed by the apparent apathy on the part of members of the Church of England. The financing of the church, he felt, was left too much to one or two members, and the fact that the recent annual meeting for the election officers was so sparsely attended seriously depressed him. Perhaps God saw that nothing less than his removal would arouse the people of Kowloon to a new spirit. Last Wednesday night many of us prayed very earnestly that his life would be spared. Was that prayer in vain? Did God not hear it? It was not in vain. God did hear it and has answered it by giving a new spirit to the congregation, although He requested his services for a higher sphere. A new spirit—the spirit of sympathy—which I know will take a practical form in connection with those that are left—a spirit of penitence as we consider our ways and draw near with humble confession at the approaching Lenten season. It must be a spirit of earnestness. Of course church-going isn't the sole evidence of religion, but where there is an eager spirit it will not be neglected. Members of the congregation will recognise that they have a responsibility in joining a church—not merely for what they can get, but in order that they may do their share of witnessing for God in the world. They will realise that the maintenance of the church rests not on the generosity of one or two members, but on every member of the congregation. The new spirit will be a spirit of unity. The church should be the home of friendship. We agree in our worship and it is this agreement that promotes the power and spirit of the church's influence. Any inferior spirit, and undue touchiness or spirit of criticism will spoil that spirit of unity. I know many of you who worship here are not fully members of the Church of England. Of course you may join the Church of England if you wish, but if you say you are only here temporarily and desire our hospitality till you return to the place where you can have the ministry of your own communion, you are welcome to our spiritual hospitality. But you all must bring with you all the fervour

## IRISH IN AMERICA.

Mr. O'Connor's Warning of Two Dangerous Tendencies.

Mr. Franker Dilnot, the Daily Chronicle correspondent, writes from New York under date of November 8, as follows:—

Mr. T. P. O'Connor is a popular figure at Chicago, where his speeches are effectively stimulating American patriotism among Irish-Americans and others, and there is a proposal to secure his services for an extended propaganda. Mr. O'Connor reserves his decision till the completion of his primary purpose of obtaining financial support for the Irish party.

This part of the programme progresses. Two leading Irish-Americans in Chicago, ex-Mayor Hopkins and ex-Senator Sullivan, Democratic Chief, are heading the subscription committee. The Americans show an equal desire to strengthen the hand of the pro-Ally party of Ireland by handsome subscriptions.

If in a few weeks the Parliamentary fund is sufficiently large, Mr. O'Connor will ask the assent of his friends at home to place himself at the disposal of the American propagandists. He telegraphed me last night:—

"Irish situation here enormously improved. Faced with the issue of pro-Germanism, or pro-Americanism, Irish America gives only one answer, and that unanimous for America. It is possible a common platform may be made on the basis of Dominion Home Rule. Clan Na Gaidheal of extremists now declare themselves openly thoroughly patriotic Americans."

To Irish Sinn Feiners I must give a solemn warning that they will be following a pro-German policy, dig an impassable gulf between them and Irish-American, with disastrous results to Ireland, both immediate and permanent. On the other hand, the more strenuous warning that every enemy of England and the Allies will be encouraged, and every friend of England, American as well as Irish, will be driven almost to despair if the Convention does not agree to an immediate and generous Home Rule measure. A settlement of Ireland on the right lines will be as valuable to England in America as half a million additional American soldiers.

## Land for Soldiers.

The Board of Agriculture recently concluded the purchase of 1,400 acres of land at Pembrey, in Carmarthenshire, near Llanelli, for use as small holdings for soldiers. The property has been bought from Lord Ashburham, and when possession is obtained it will be equipped at once. This completes the 6,000 acres which the Board were empowered by the Small Holdings Colonies Act to acquire for land settlement, the other colonies being at Patrington, Yorkshire (2,200 acres), Holbeach, Lincolnshire (1,000 acres), these two being Crown lands leased for the purpose; and one in Shropshire (about 1,300 acres). Sir Richard Walfrey has given special attention to this matter, and the Board of Agriculture now hopes that it will be able to get extended powers to acquire more such colonies.

and loyalty you can. So while you are here at any rate you will contribute to the spirit of union in the congregation. Lastly, the new spirit must be a spirit of expectancy. Pray for God's guidance in the selection of a new chaplain. Kowloon will probably have a great future. As times goes on more and more to the English speaking nations here, St. Andrew's church must become a centre of light and knowledge. From it must issue a light that shall reach the Church and other nonconformist peoples and in this way hasten the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto Him with all those that have gone before."

## TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

In his appeal to the American public to economize in coal, Dr. H. A. Garfield, the Post Administrator, strikes one note that will be heartily applauded by most English "victors" to the United States. "If every family," he says, "will reduce the temperature of its house at least five degrees it will mean that millions of tons of coal will be saved, and the health of the nation will be improved. This is not a hardship, it is a health measure, for most Americans live in superheated houses." Dr. Garfield's criticism is well justified. In New York at this moment—for it is usual to start the furnaces on the 1st of October—not only the private houses, but offices, shops, street cars, libraries, churches, schools, and public buildings of every kind are met of them being kept at a temperature of 75 degrees and upwards. Few superfluities are more trying to the stranger who is not yet acclimated. The Englishman who contemplates spending some time in America during the winter is apt to provide himself with plenty of thick underwear. He soon finds it quite useless, for the excessive artificial heat everywhere makes only the lightest clothing possible—altogether, of course, with the thickest of overcoats to wear in the open air. Even American ingenuity has not yet invented a plan for superheating the outdoor atmosphere.

Rain, which has recently been so "active" on the Flanders front, was a source of trouble to our opponents on the eve of Waterloo. The British soldiers were in lighter marching order than the French, who were greatly distressed by the state of the ground. Wellington wrote concerning the weather:—"It rained in such a way as I never saw either before or since; it seemed as if the water were tumbled out of tubs. The ground was so soft that at every step our horses sank halfway to the knees, and in several places, where we passed over fallow land, it had the appearance of a lake, the rain falling upon it faster than it could be absorbed or run off."

There were some interesting points in the evidence presented by Lord Fairfax, the American-born business man who will next week take his seat as a Scottish representative peer, when he made out his claim to the title he now bears. The facts were not really in dispute, but some of the documents that would normally be presented to support them were lacking for a special reason. The American branch of the Fairfax family lived in the parish of Fairfax, Virginia, and the records of that parish were destroyed during the Civil War. One of the witnesses before the Committee of Privileges testified that he had searched a battlefield in the hope of finding them, but in vain. An American lawyer, appearing before the same Committee, declared that the various documents produced were valid evidence according to common law in America. Among them was a certified copy of a monumental inscription over the grave of the Rev. Brian Fairfax at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Alexandria, Virginia.

It is over twenty years since Mr. Stephen Phillips published his "Christ in Hades" with Mr. Elkin Mathews, and met with a general and generous chorus of critical approval. Now Mr. John Lane has republished the poem handsomely—it is illustrated by Miss Stella Langdale, but only a stupendous genius could avoid the grandiose with such a theme—with a long introduction from Mr. Lewis Hind, who gives fine measure of enthusiastic gossip about the literary men of the nineties. Mr. Arnold Bennett had hardly come above the surface then, but "one afternoon he informed me that he had nearly, and precisely, arranged his future—no many novels for fame, so many for fun, so many for money; plans sketched up in the same way; confidence in France, a French wife, and some thing Arnold Bennett to do some of the best he had foretold." We could make a good deal of the classification of the poet's hopes, but it would not be to say which are which, among the plays.



## WIRELESS DRAMA OF THE SEA.

Operator who Fooled the Germans.

A dramatic incident of the sea, in which a young wireless operator fooled the enemy, was related in the Prize Court recently when the Crown was asked to condemn the a.s. Edna on the ground of on-neutral service and enemy ownership.

The Attorney-General (Sir F. E. Smith) described the kaleidoscopic history of a ship which flew two flags. The plucky operator was "one Smith, an Englishman," who had since received a commission in the R.N.A.S.

Frederick Jebson, a German, said Sir Frederick was a prominent man in San Francisco shipping circles. He chartered the vessel, and was believed to have perished afterwards in a German submarine. The ship was built at Bergen in 1903, and in those days sailed the seas as the Jason. Jebson used the ship for his Mexican business. He had been in the German Navy and was in the Naval Reserve.

Jebson purchased the ship, the ownership of which was vested in the Lloyd Mexicana Societe Anonyme, in which he held the bulk of the shares. Finally he managed to get back to Germany disguised as a Scandinavian seaman.

The Edna took on board wireless and gun-sight apparatus, and tried to communicate to the German cruiser Leipzig the sailing of British ships—an attempt which was frustrated by the resourcefulness, ingenuity, and courage of Smith.

In an affidavit read by the Attorney-General, Guy Duncan Smith, the wireless operator, said that he was on the boat when the war broke out. He awoke one night, at midnight, and heard the steamer Asten announce that war had been declared between Russia and Germany.

At this time the ship had "Hamburg" painted on the stern. After the announcement that war had broken out, "Hamburg" was removed from the vessel and "La Paz" was painted on, while the Mexican flag was run up.

Before leaving San Francisco, he had heard that the coal taken on board was intended for the Leipzig. Information was sent to the British Consul, and the authorities at San Francisco demanded that the coal should not be delivered to the cruiser.

A German wireless operator was taken on board, and Smith was told that if he refused to do his duty the German would take his place. The German operator, however, did not understand the Marconi system, and Smith shortened the length of the sound waves, and though he appeared to be sending out calls for the Leipzig, no ship could pick up the message.

The German operator spent three nights and three days trying to call up the Leipzig. Smith returned later, and then occasionally called up the German cruiser, putting the wireless right in order to delay suspicion, but the wireless was always out of gear when the German operator tried to use it. At La Paz, Smith forwarded a message to the admiral on the U.S.A. cruiser California.

Some of the officers threatened to shoot Smith and throw him overboard if he did not send a code message to the German cruiser, and he then pretended to send it.

The only thing that Smith sent to the Leipzig was an inquiry as to where she was, which brought forth a reply that she was hanging round waiting for the "Edna." Finally the latter was commanded by the Mexican Government, who put an officer on board, and Smith said that "after that things were more comfortable."

The hearing was adjourned.

Offender Flees Himself.

A visitor at Hongkong recently called upon the Mayor and admitted that he had infringed the fighting regulations by leaving his blinds uncurtained. He thereupon received a fine upon himself, and gave the money with his own hand.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## FOOTBALL.

## HONGKONG LEAGUE.

## Royal Engineers v. Navy.

The teams in this match were—  
R. E.—Clarke; Blumfield, Lucas; Charters, Smith, Gordon, Horlop, P. Scott.  
Navy—Orecker; Cosker, Biggs; Hollamby, Smith, Rundle; Clarke, Llewellyn, Lutton, Travis, Cape.

The game resulted in a win for the Sappers by 1 goal to nil. The Navy were unlucky to lose both points, as they quite deserved at least to draw. Play opened in favour of the Engineers, who gave the Navy defence a trying time for a few minutes. The Navy, however, got together, and some pretty passing was indulged in by Llewellyn and Clarke, but the shooting left much to be desired. Strange put in some splendid centres for the Sappers, one of which was turned to good account by Townsend. At half-time the Engineers were leading by 1 goal to nil.

Quite a change came over the game in the second half, the Navy taking the upper hand, and, had their shooting been better, they would no doubt have won, but, as it was, some glorious chances went begging. The R. E. forwards did not combine as they usually do, P. Scott on the left being given little or nothing to do the whole half. Cosker and Biggs, the Navy backs, were in fine form, the former especially clearing well. Charters, of the Sappers half, put up his best game of the season, and Horlop in the forward line did well.

## LEAGUE II.

Staff and Depts. v. Kowloon. Played on the Navy Ground, and resulted in a victory for the Staff by 2 to nil. This now puts the Staff and Depts. fourth place in the table. Play was fairly even throughout, but not of a very high standard. Ellarby scored both goals, and it must be said he is a good, bustling forward. Kowloon were not up to full strength, and their forwards were well held by Wain and Lawrence.

South China Athletic v. 83rd Co. R.G.A.

The Gunners gave the Chinese quite a good game, but the latter were much hampered on the ball, and their passing was very neat. Try as they would, however, they could not score in the first half, crossing over with a clean sheet. The standard of play improved in the second half, both sets of forwards making their presence felt when near their opponents' goal. The Chinese took the lead with a good shot, which rebounded off the upright into the net, after striking the goalie. This was soon followed by a penalty for hands, which was turned to account, the Athletic winning by 2 goals to nil.

## CRICKET.

## Kowloon v. Civil Service.

Civil Service sustained their first reverse of the season on Saturday, when, playing at home, they were beaten just on time by Kowloon. The home side batted first and scored very slowly. Goodall (50) being the only man to make anything like a good showing. The innings closed for 107, this total taking 2 hours and 10 minutes to attain. Kowloon were left with very little time and a draw appeared almost a certainty. Claxton and Stalker put up good scores, but wickets fell fast and as time wore on it seemed that the visitors would have to acknowledge defeat. When the last over opened two runs were needed to win. Wheeler, however, drove to boundary and thus won the match for his side just on time. Scores:—

Civil Service.  
D. M. Goodall, l.b.w. b Stalker... 50  
B. W. Bradbury, b Stalker... 10  
P. T. Lambie, b Cobb... 0  
R. O. Wickett, b Cobb... 2  
W. E. Dixon, b Cobb... 18

C. M. W. Reynolds, l.b.w. b P. Scott... 0  
E. W. Hamilton, b Stalker... 4  
R. E. O. Bird, b Cobb... 0  
Hon. Mr. O. Severn, b Cobb... 8  
W. H. Edmund, not out... 2  
F. J. Ling, c Cobb, b Stalker... 0  
Extras... 13  
Total... 107

Bowling.  
O. M. R. W.  
P. H. Cobb... 24 3 54 4  
J. Stalker... 14 1 20 1  
R. P. Scott... 9 2 20 5

Kowloon.  
L. E. S. Hodge, b Wickett... 6  
A. A. Claxton, c Reynolds, b Wickett... 38  
L. J. Blackburn, b Wickett... 8  
J. P. Robinson, b Wickett... 6  
J. Stalker, c Reynolds, b Wickett... 23  
O. J. Stapleton, l.b.w., b Wickett... 4  
F. E. Joseland, l.b.w., b Hamilton... 5  
F. Wheeler, not out... 11  
R. P. Scott, not out... 1  
P. H. Cobb, c Reynolds, b Hamilton... 1  
A. de Sousa did not bat  
Extras... 8  
Total (for 9 wks.)... 110

Bowling.  
O. M. R. W.  
E. W. Hamilton... 5 0 24 2  
R. E. O. Bird... 8 1 40 0  
R. C. Wickett... 9 1 33 6  
O. Severn... 1 0 5 0

Hongkong v. Chinese Recreation Club.

These teams met at Causeway Bay on Saturday, the result being an overwhelming victory for the visitors. The home side batted first and were all disposed of for 98. The Club opened badly, two wickets being down for four runs. However, Peares and Muriel eventually made things merry, the latter scoring 120 before being caught, his total including two sixes and eighteen fours. This player had a wonderful record, for he also took six wickets for five runs, when time was called the club's score was a round 200, for the loss of eight wickets. Scores:—

C. R. C.  
G. Lee, b Peares... 27  
Ho Wing Kin, c Peares, b Donnelly... 8  
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O. Chao, c Peares, b Morgan Ng Sz Kwong, c Donnelly, b Peares... 39  
Un Hui Fan, b Peares... 1  
H. Ching, c McNicoll, b Peares... 0  
Yew Man Tuen, b Peares... 2  
J. Wong, c Muriel, b Donnelly... 0  
Wei Lee San, b Donnelly... 0  
A. J. Kew, not out... 0  
R. Chan, b Peares... 1  
Extras... 8  
Total... 98

Bowling.  
O. M. R. W.  
Donnelly... 14 2 23 3  
Morgan Ng Sz Kwong... 11 0 37 1  
Maas... 3 0 23 0  
Peares... 4 1 5 6

H. K. C. C.  
Capt. Gray b Un Hui Fan... 0  
H. E. Muriel, c Wei Lee San, b Un Hui Fan... 41  
F. W. S. Evans, c Chao Man Ping, b Un Hui Fan... 1  
T. E. Peares, c Chao Man Ping, b Ho Wing Kin... 120  
R. Kennedy, b Ho Wing Kin... 8  
R. M. Austin, c Wei Lee San, b Un Hui Fan... 0  
M. M. Maas, not out... 21  
F. Sutton, b Ho Wing Kin... 0  
L. D. McNicoll, b Yew Man Tuen... 0  
Lt. Col. Morgan did not bat  
D. E. Donnelly... 8  
Extras... 2  
Total (for 8 wks.)... 200

Bowling.  
O. M. R. W.  
Un Hui Fan... 13 1 85 4  
Yew Man Tuen... 14 2 83 1  
Ng Sz Kwong... 1 0 11 0  
H. Ching... 2 0 7 0  
Ho Wing Kin... 4 1 22 3

Royal Engineers v. University.

This match was easily won by the University, the scores being:—

Royal Engineers.  
Sgt. McGregor, b Brayshaw... 10  
Cpl. Adams, b Brayshaw... 4  
O. Q. M. S. Reakes, b Marley... 10  
Sgt. Waller, c Ponsinby... 0  
F. F. Brayshaw... 5  
Lt. Waller, not out... 5  
Sgt. Osborne, b Marley... 0  
Sgt. Millard, c Wright, b Marley... 5  
Cpl. Heath, l.b.w. b Marley... 3  
O. S. Cripwell, c Redmond, b Marley... 0  
Sgt. Craikbank, not out... 1

University.  
L/Cpl. Way, run out... 4  
Extras... 1  
Total... 43

Bowling.  
O. M. R. W.  
Brayshaw... 8 1 31 3  
Marley... 7 2 11 5

University.  
G. E. Marley, c Osborne, b Reakes... 0  
R. A. Ponsinby, c Waller, b Cripwell... 17  
K. Brayshaw, c Wahl, b Reakes... 9  
F. A. Redmond, c Craikbank, b Cripwell... 12  
J. D. Wright, b Reakes... 8  
Sim King Sim, b Reakes... 0  
G. Hall, c sub. b Waller... 5  
W. Gittins, b Cripwell... 9  
A. H. Bumjahn, c Cripwell, b Reakes... 41  
Chesnut Lock, b Reakes... 0  
W. J. Hinton, not out... 7  
Extras... 11  
Total... 120

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R. A. Ponsinby, c Waller, b Cripwell... 17  
K. Brayshaw, c Wahl, b Reakes... 9  
F. A. Redmond, c Craikbank, b Cripwell... 12  
J. D. Wright, b Reakes... 8  
Sim King Sim, b Reakes... 0  
G. Hall, c sub. b Waller... 5  
W. Gittins, b Cripwell... 9  
A. H. Bumjahn, c Cripwell, b Reakes... 41  
Chesnut Lock, b Reakes... 0  
W. J. Hinton, not out... 7  
Extras... 11  
Total... 120

Other Matches.  
Craigengower and the R. G. A met on Saturday, the latter winning by three runs in a very low scoring match—98 to 95.

The Navy won comfortably over Middlesex Battalion, scoring 163 for seven wickets and disposing of all their opponents for 79.

University.  
L/Cpl. Way, run out... 4  
Extras... 1  
Total... 43

Bowling.  
O. M. R. W.  
Brayshaw... 8 1 31 3  
Marley... 7 2 11 5

University.  
G. E. Marley, c Osborne, b Reakes... 0  
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Japanese Government and the  
minimum depth at low water is  
now 35 ft., safe moorings for large  
steamers having been provided  
by the removal of sandbanks and  
placing of buoys. Harbour accom-  
modation will also be im-  
proved by the reclamation work  
now being undertaken by the  
Customs Department and by the  
work on the sea front at Kuy-  
Moji, the cost of the latter being  
defrayed by the Municipality.

## New German Ship.

At the Vulcan yards near  
Bremen, the Hamburg-American  
Line has launched a 16,000-ton  
steel vessel, christened "Hine-  
land," which is the largest ship  
ever laid down in Germany for  
purely freight-carrying purposes.  
The Press acclaims the launch  
not only as a sign of "Germany's  
determination to make her  
presence felt in world trade after  
the war" but as a sign that  
despite the strain imposed on her  
industry for purely war purposes,  
her shipyards are able to turn  
out this "record-breaking"  
merchantman.

## Million Tons of Sailing Ships.

Mr. Edison recently submitted  
to the United States Shipping  
Board a detailed plan to equip  
1,000,000 tons of sailing vessels  
with engines, to make them  
serviceable for Transatlantic  
war traffic. The Government  
have under control 538 sailing  
vessels, representing 1,310,000  
tons. Another 4,000 tons is to  
be taken over from the French  
Government. If the Edison plan  
is adopted, 700,000 tons will be  
kept for coastwise traffic and the  
other 1,000,000 for war service.

## New Merchant Navy.

Arrangements had been made  
for the construction of an  
additional 33 ships to existing  
shipyards, said Dr. Macnamara  
in the House of Commons  
recently. Altogether an addition  
of from 50 to 60 ships would be  
made to existing yards. The  
number of ships in the new  
national yards would be between  
31 and 36. The sites for three of  
the new national yards were at  
Charstown, Beachley and Port-  
bury, and the construction of  
them was in progress. It was  
intended that ships for the laying  
down of keels would be available  
in from five to four months, and  
that the first vessel would be  
launched in October or November  
1918.

## Standardisation in Japan.

It is reported that the Asano,  
Kawasaki, Mitsubishi, Osaka  
Ironworks, and other shipyards  
have received inquiries from the  
Japanese Government for full  
particulars regarding all points  
connected with the construction  
of vessels, as a preliminary to the  
Government taking action to-  
wards standardising the con-  
struction of ships in that country.  
It is not believed, however, that  
the Government will undertake  
the standardisation along any-  
thing like the lines followed in  
Great Britain and the United  
States, but will urge private  
shipbuilders to conform to certain  
standards as far as practicable.American Control of Ship  
Supplies.The American authorities have  
framed rigid regulations for the  
control of supplies to ships leav-  
ing port. On this subject of the  
Japanese Charge d'Affaires at  
Washington reports to the Tokyo  
Foreign Office.—"The U.S. War  
Trade Board has handed to the  
representatives of the 'Powers'  
regulations which have been  
newly framed, instituting a  
license system from supplies of  
fuel and other requisites for both  
home and foreign vessels sailing  
from American ports. These  
regulations are to come into force  
from February 1. They decree  
that vessels cannot leave port  
unless they have obtained  
licenses for fuel and other  
requisites, not only in regard to  
those shipped actually in port  
but also those found on board  
before sailing. On the face of the  
regulations it does not appear  
that any great change has been  
introduced in the method of  
dealing with ship supplies, except  
that Allied vessels are also to  
obtain licenses for securing  
supplies of coal. In practice,  
however, there will be a great  
change in the position in regard  
to neutral ships, including  
chartered neutral ships. In  
applying for the necessary  
supplies these vessels have to  
fulfil ten items demanded by  
the U.S. War Trade Board.  
In this way supplies to neutral  
ships will be most rig idly con-  
trolled. Applications for licenses  
are to be made to the War Trade  
Board, or to Customs Au-  
thorities at the ports from which  
the vessels are to sail."







## STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

## DEATH OF ABDUL HAMID.

London, February 11.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a message from Constantinople states that the death has occurred of the ex-Sultan, Abdul Hamid, from inflammation of the lungs.

## THE WAR SITUATION.

## U. S. War Secretary's Weekly Review.

London, February 11.  
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that Mr. Baker, Secretary for War, in his weekly report, expressed profound appreciation of the splendid work of the British troops in rescuing the troops from the torpedoed *Tuscania*. He especially draws attention to the action of the destroyers in rendering succour until they were no longer required, notwithstanding the fact that the submarine was lurking in the vicinity. He acknowledges the warm-hearted reception by Irishmen at the small ports where they landed.

After referring to the minor activities of Americans on the Lorraine front, particularly in anti-aircraft work and sharp-shooting, Mr. Baker says the Dual Monarchy's desire for peace is daily increasing. The Austrians resent sacrificing their forces on distant battlefields in order to further German ambitions alien to their interests. He proceeds:—"Heavy fighting is occurring along the entire British Front, although the actions are only local." He expresses the opinion that the impending offensive will develop simultaneously at different points of the line, as the outcome of these engagements. The British have had the enemy's full measure in these undertakings and have had the situation well in hand. There is the liveliest fighting on the French Front, while the Italians are continuously and in a harassing manner bombarding the enemy. The Rumanians, who are eighty per cent. stronger than they were last year, are attempting to remain faithful to the Allied cause, though surrounded by foes. The Rumanians have taken over the whole of the front from Faltz to Czernowitz.

## SALE OF WAR BONDS.

London, February 11.  
Until February 9 and February 2 respectively, the Bank of England had received applications amounting approximately to \$352,000,000 and the Post Office applications totalling \$18,700,000 for National War Bonds. Nearly 150,000,000 of 15s 6d. War Savings Certificates have been sold.

## RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

London, February 11.  
Reuter's correspondent at Harbin states that the Bolsheviks have arrested the members of the Siberian Provisional Government, also the Deputies of the Tomsk Duma, in order to prevent the establishment of an autonomous Siberia.  
Twelve hundred sailors from Petrograd have arrived at Vladivostok to prevent the Priamur Cossacks from securing control of Vladivostok.

## GERMANY'S PEACE WITH UKRAINE.

British Advised to Help Russians.  
The conclusion of a separate peace between the Central Powers and Ukraine is regarded by the London Press as a severe blow to Russia, but it is doubtful whether it will justify the jubilation in Berlin and Vienna, based on the expectation of enormous food supplies. So far as the British information goes the food production for the past year was very small, and such stocks as exist are desperately needed by Great Russia. Much country is devastated and it is believed that enormous sugar estates have been divided and their machinery destroyed, but under German organisation the situation may change after the next harvest, buoying the enemy up with the prospect of abundance if the war continues after July and a command of the great routes to the East. Apart from this Germany is likely to secure most advantageous political situation in Russia, constituting stable governments, suppressing anarchy, restoring railways and industries and banishing famine if they have the necessary man power. Even if the Bolshevik claim that the Reds is powerless is true, the latter is likely to secure Austro-German help in fighting the Bolsheviks. Such a process is already working in Finland where, as cabled yesterday morning, these circumstances exist. The papers here urge the Allies, particularly Britain, of the necessity of advising and helping the different Russian people in every possible way.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, February 11.  
A German wireless official message states that English reconnoitring advances led to violent engagements at many points, especially near Warnton and Armentieres.

## French Report Artillery Activity

London, February 11.  
A French communiqué says:—"There was intermittent reciprocal artillery activity during the night, north of the Aisne in the Corbary and Juvincourt sector. This activity was more marked on the right of the Meuse, in the region of Bazouvaux."

## A SILVER PROBLEM.

London, February 11.  
Commenting on the possibility of the United States fixing the price of silver at one dollar per ounce, the *Financial Times* contends that the abnormally high price of silver favours Germany and is against the interests of the Entente. It says that the fixing of the price will help to stabilise Indian currency only if fixed below the metal value of the Rupee, say eighty-six cents.

## STOCKHOLM SOCIALISTS.

Mr. Troelstra's Views on Germany's Alsace Policy.

Stockholm, Oct. 16.—Mr. Troelstra, chairman of the Dutch-Scandinavian Committee, on Tuesday left for Holland. In an interview in the *Social Demokrat* Mr. Troelstra states that the first stage of the committee's work is now finished, and within a few days a proposal question in connection with the Stockholm Conference will be published.

Personally, Mr. Troelstra is of opinion that three or four months ago the Central Powers would have agreed to more favourable peace terms than to-day. Then the political influence of the Russian Revolution was greater. Now there was reason to fear that if the belligerent Governments would not agree to

conciliation the Russian Revolution would be the first victim. Regarding the German Social Democracy, the committee's manifesto would show that they were united in the opinion that the refusal of negotiations in regard to Alsace-Lorraine is opposed to the ideal of peace by conciliation. When Kaehlmann in Parliament declared that he would not negotiate on that question, it really meant that he was not willing to work for such a peace. Unfortunately the German Majority Socialists had not recognised the importance of this question, and it was to be hoped that they would revise this one-sided standpoint.  
The proposals of the committee would afford an opportunity for different parties to use the time before the conference met to do successful work for peace.

## YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## THE TUSCANIA DISASTER.

## American Appreciation of British Seamanship.

London, February 9.  
An Associated Press correspondent, writing from an Irish port, says that American officers are most envious of the daring seamanship of the British destroyers. Many soldiers jumped into the sea when the *Tuscania* listed and hundreds more were preparing to follow them when a destroyer dashed up on the starboard side and took off hundreds. As she was departing another destroyer emerged from the darkness on the port side which was now high out of the water. When the soldiers recovered from their surprise at this unexpected and skilful manoeuvre they scrambled to reach the elevated port side. Many slid down the hull, some with the aid of ropes and others on their hands and knees. All were most cool, and those who were not taken off by the plucky destroyers which risked sharing the *Tuscania's* fate were later picked up by trawlers which swarmed to the scene.  
The Americans said the most impressive thing in their whole experience was the promptitude and precision with which the British naval men handled their craft. They had just begun their rescue work when the most exciting moment of the night occurred, a U-boat in a few minutes discharging three torpedoes at the destroyers. The watchfulness of the lookouts and splendid seamanship foiled the attack and all the destroyers immediately counter-attacked with guns and bombs so effectively that if the U-boat did not sink it was afraid to re-appear.  
The bodies of twenty-four Americans were washed up yesterday on the rocks fifteen miles from the scene of the disaster. They were mutilated and unrecognisable and as they were without identification disks they were buried in a common grave.

## A Spurt in Recruiting.

New York, February 9.  
Reports from various parts of the country show that the sinking of the *Tuscania* had the immediate effect of increasing recruitment, especially the naval enlistments. Over 200 applied at the Philadelphia navy yard this morning. The general sentiment of the applicants was to exact stern reparation for the submarine outrages. On being accepted as volunteers, they, almost to a man, enquired: "How soon can we go across?"

## MEAT CARDS AT HOME.

London, February 9.  
The Food Minister in the meat rationing scheme for London and the Home Counties issued to-day, provides for the use of meat-cards, bearing four coupons, each of which enables the purchaser during the week of five penny-worth of uncooked meat, or, alternatively, uncooked poultry, game or horse-meat, ranging from five to twelve and a half ounces or, alternatively, four ounces of bony uncooked mutton or beef, or alternatively six to eight ounces of uncooked sausages according to the meat contents; alternatively, any of the foregoing in cooked or canned state or as sandwiches and meat-pies between two and a half to four ounces. Public eating-house keepers will collect coupons in respect of meals served.

## PEACE BETWEEN GERMANY AND UKRAINE.

Copenhagen, February 9.  
A German semi-official message states that peace was signed between Germany and the Ukraine to-day.  
The German peace with Ukraine is highly significant and in fact may be the precursor of important events. The main object of the Germans is undoubtedly to gain access to the accumulations of grain stored and established political, besides close commercial relations with Northern Russia, whereby she will gain a substantial foothold for future machinations. It is even reported that Germany has offered Ukraine military assistance against the Bolsheviks. Another purpose of Germany, which is probably the outcome of the latest conference in Berlin, is to force the Rumanians, by military pressure if necessary, to make peace and break up the Bolshevik propaganda in Northern Russia which she regards as dangerous. Meanwhile what is imperfectly understood is the ability of the Ukraine Government to maintain itself, inasmuch as the latest Bolshevik announcements assert complete Bolshevik control of the whole of Ukraine.

## THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

Madrid, February 9.  
It is officially announced that two life boats landed at the Canary Islands on Feb. 8. They belonged to a Spanish steamer which was torpedoed on February 5, while proceeding to New York laden with salt, while the submarine commander declared contraband. The submarines towed the life boats forty miles.

Amsterdam, February 9.  
A Swedish owned vessel proceeding from Baltimore to Rotterdam, carrying Belgian Relief grain, has been torpedoed.

## GERMAN BREACH OF PLEDGE.

London, February 9.  
The Press Bureau in a statement adduces evidence of the transfer of seven German divisions from the Eastern to the Western front subsequent to the signing of the Russo-German armistice of 15th December last under which all such transfers were prohibited.

## BACK FROM "CAMBRAI."

Our Cheery Wounded Soldiers.

They call it "Cambrai" in that hospital, I had a list of names, wondering if my French accent would convey anything to him, and finally compromised on "The Push." "You're back from the latest push?" I asked him as he lay in bed.  
"Yes, I'm from Cambrai," he said.  
"I'm from Polly-Keppel," said an extra ordinary cheery boy two beds off. And all the time that I was talking to the man from Cambrai, this Jack-in-the-box kept popping up in bed, and saying, with a happy smile, when I caught his eye, "I was at Polly-Keppel." Let it therefore be put on record, he was at Polly-Keppel.

The man from Cambrai was in a pioneer battalion. As soon as the infantry, armed with bombs and bayonets, has dashed over in hot blood and captured its objective, the pioneers in cold blood, armed with picks and shovels, come over and consolidate it. However, there was no need to tell him that it was a rotten job, because everybody in the Army knows that his own job is the rottenest from Dixmude to St. Quentin. I am speaking of course of B.O. days—before Cambrai. The first 72 hours of the Cambrai push belong to another age; the age when men enjoy fighting.  
"It was wonderful," he said; "clean proper fighting. Hardly a shell came over."  
"You ought to have been at Polly-Keppel," said Jack-in-the-box.  
"We had eight casualties in

## YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL.

## Kowloon v. Middlesex Res.

Played on the Olab Ground yesterday, and resulted in a win for Kowloon by four goals to one. The game was not so one-sided as the score would indicate, play being of a fairly even character. Half way through the first half, Knight gave the civilians the lead, which they retained until half-time. The remainder of the scoring took place in the last ten minutes of the game, when Chaplin made the score "one all". Kowloon then scored three goals in quick succession, Knight (one) and Tatam (two) adding the points.

my battalion. I think I only saw one dead man—one of us, I mean—the whole way."  
"Then you were rather unlucky to be hit," I suggested.

"Or lucky," I amended. "You're back home for a spell any way."

"Oh, I don't know," he said. "I liked it out there well enough."

Whenever I have seen this remark in print before, I have disbelieved it. When I have heard it said, I have smiled to myself. But it is the absolute truth that I found something different in the words now. Whatever strategic purpose the push for Cambrai was meant to serve it has had a wonderful moral result. These first three days did the Byng Boys more good than a week's leave in London would have done. It gave them a new idea of the war.

"I'd done my time in 1915," my pioneer went on, "and drew my bounty and said Good-bye to the Army. But I came back after a month. I couldn't be out of it. That doesn't look as if I wanted to be out of it now. And this last show. There's never been anything like it."

Jack-in-the-box popped up again and called my attention to a man in another bed. "He was at Cambrai too," he said, and added happily "I was at Polly-Keppel."

The other man, an officer's servant, had gone up after the first break through, and had been hit in Bourlon Wood. "Bullet went clean through and stuck in me back," he said, and added rather proudly that the doctor thought it was an explosive bullet. He told me a long story about (apparently) a party of Russians whom they had captured. Of course I knew that Russian prisoners had been found by our men, in spite of (one might almost say "because of") the pledged work of the German to keep them 30 kilometres behind the line. But that this very man should—however they turned out to be Russians, not Russians.

"They don't seem meant to fight like our own ration-parties," he said rather scornfully, "and of course as soon as we got a machine-gun on to them, they did the Kamerad business." He grinned and added "They were giving out cigars and cigarettes that night—at least they thought they were going to."

"Only you had them instead?" He nodded. "Pretty good them cigars was too."

The pioneer mentioned the American railwaymen. "Wonderful how quick they got the lines up; real good men they were. If they are going to fight as well as they can work, we're all right." "This is the first leave I've had since I've been out there," said the man with the bullet in his back. "Eighteen months." He was extraordinarily happy about it. "I was just going on leave," he added. "Glad I didn't miss it."

"I expect I shall be out again in a fortnight," said Jack-in-the-box with his happy smile. "I was at Polly-Keppel you know." "I took some prisoners down," said the officer's servant proudly. "One said to me, he said, 'One year's all right, but not two years or three years. Spoke English just like you or me.'"

"Wonderful night it was," said the pioneer, summing it all up. "Ah, you ought to be at Polly-Keppel," said Jack-in-the-box. "That's where I was, you know."

## THE LOST DISPATCHES.

## Inquiry into Capture of Capt. S. Wilson.

The Military Court of Inquiry which was set up at the request of Captain Stanley Wilson, M.P., to investigate the circumstances of his capture in the Mediterranean while carrying dispatches resumed recently at Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, under the presidency of Lieutenant-General Sir Alfred Cudington. When taken prisoner Captain Wilson was travelling in a Greek boat, which was attacked by an Austrian submarine.

Sir A. Cudington asked Captain Wilson if, when he got to Messina, he found communication with Syracuse difficult? Captain Wilson.—No, Sir; impossible.

The President. Three officers travelling with you went through to Malta, via Marsailles. Did you consider the advisability of going with them?—Yes, I did. But I considered it my duty, first, to let Sir Rennell Rodd know, and as an Italian steamer, the *Montenegro*, was said to be sailing the next day for Athens, I telegraphed to him the impossibility of getting to Malta, and said that, unless I received orders to the contrary, I would travel to Athens by that. Why did you suggest going to Athens when your orders had been to go to Malta?—Because I thought that it was impossible for me to carry my dispatches to Malta, it was my duty to suggest an alternative route for the delivery of my dispatches. He added that Sir Rennell Rodd acted as an intermediary for forwarding his telegram asking for instructions to the War Office. The War Office replied directing him to take the boat to Athens if that left before the Malta boat.

You were at Messina on November 25 and 26. What was the reason for the delay?—I was trying to get definite instructions. On the 27th you received a message from Sir Rennell Rodd announcing that Vice-Admiral de Robeck was arriving at Reggio. You said that it was too late to do anything?—Yes, Sir, the telephone office was shut, and I understood that Admiral de Robeck was sailing that night.

Explaining the delay in certain telegrams, Captain Wilson said that the Italian authorities always sent forward without delay telegrams stamped with the British Vice-Consular stamp.

Captain Wilson, in a short statement, said that he wished to make some observations with regard to Colonel Dick's evidence. The allegations made against him and the stories which he had heard since he arrived in England, after 20 months' internment in Austria, emanated from Colonel Dick, and he hoped that the Court would agree with him that those charges were based on a complete misapprehension by Colonel Dick of the facts of the case.

"In the first place," Captain Wilson said. "I wish to deny most emphatically that I ever mentioned the name of the Prime Minister to Colonel Dick. I never entered into my mind to consult Mr. Asquith. In fact, I had no desire to go to Athens, although I did express to Colonel Dick my wish to be allowed to carry dispatches to headquarters at the Dardanelles, as other messengers had done. It was my third trip, and perhaps, curiosity to have a look at the Dardanelles may be pardoned to me."

Captain Wilson went on to explain how it was impossible to catch the boat suggested by Colonel Dick. "Colonel Dick took the view," he said; "that I was not justified in acting on the telegram emanating from the Secretary to the War Office on November 23, because of the orders given to me previously by him before the difficulties which I had to face had arisen. I was just as anxious as anyone not to travel with the dispatches by Greek boats, and I assumed that the War Office were aware of the objections. I certainly was not aware that the telegram was dispatched without the authority and without the knowledge of Colonel Dick, but when I received the order I felt bound to obey it. He submitted that in view of the evidence given by Sir Rennell Rodd and Sir Alfred Cudington, the Court should exonerate him from blame."

The President thanked Captain Wilson for his clear and frank evidence, and said that when the shorthand writer's notes had been typed and considered, the Court would consider his report.

## "THE FOUR-MINUTE MEN."

New American Appeal to the People.

Washington, November 18.—The Committee of Public Information has enlisted every American with the fact that he has an individual part to play in promoting the success of the war. The organization will be known as "The Four-minute Men." They will not appear at mass meetings, where people come with opinions already more or less formed, but will go into theatres, moving picture houses, anywhere they can find mixed audiences with open minds, and make four-minute addresses. The aim is that each man shall make 10 such addresses daily. President Wilson, in an open letter to "The Four-minute Men," says:—

Men and nations are at their worst or their best in any great struggle. The spoken word may light the fires of passion and unreason, or it may inspire to the highest action and the noblest sacrifice a nation of freemen. Upon you Four-minute Men, who are charged with a special duty and enjoy a special privilege in command of your audiences, will rest in considerable degree the task of arousing and informing the great body of our people, so that when the records of these days are complete we shall read page for page, with the great deeds of the Army and Navy, the story of the unity, spirit of sacrifice, unceasing labours, and high courage of the men and women at home who held unbroken our inner lines. My best wishes and continuing interest are with you in your work as part of the Reserve Officer Corps in a nation thrice armed, because through your efforts it knows better the justice of its cause and the value of what it defends.

## DIGESTION WORTH HAVING.

Good digestion is not appreciated until you lose it. Then you cannot afford to experiment, for strong medicines are hard on weak stomachs.

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Get a supply of Dr. Williams' pink pills from any dealer; or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 98 South Union Road, Shanghai, \$1.50 the bottle, \$8 for six, post free.

The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. has issued a free book, "What to Eat and How to Eat," that should be in every home. It gives just the information that you want regarding your diet; send a post card for the book to the above address.

Heister, the Court should exonerate him from blame. He regretted that Colonel Dick had refused to receive the explanation which he gave on his return from Austria, and that he had not read the report submitted to the War Office.

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## SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

## AN INDIAN V. C. HONOURED.

London, February 9.  
After the investment of Gobind Singh, a reception was held in his honour and that of the Indian Cavalry Officers on leave, by the National Indian Association in Cromwell Road, where the Duffadar was presented with an address and an inscribed silver dish. General Sir O. Moore-Creagh said that Gobind Singh was the second Bahadur Rajput to win the Victoria Cross and the first Member of the Imperial Service Corps. He belonged to the Indian Cavalry, which was to be heartily congratulated upon the distinguished valour with which they stood to their work in France since the departure of the Indian Corps. Sir Pertab Singh said that he and the other Bahadurs were very proud that another of their class had won the great distinction and they were honoured by these proceedings. The Duffadar was presented with an inscribed gold watch by Mr. Alfred Esra.

## CROWN COLONY CONTRIBUTIONS.

London, February 9.  
The Treasury has concurred in Mr. Bonar Law's recommendation that, so long as borrowing by the Treasury for the purpose of war expenditure continues, the instalments of war contributions by Ceylon, the Malay States, the Straits Settlements, and the British community of Malacca shall be paid into the Exchequer as miscellaneous revenue, instead of being used for the cancellation of the debt.

## GERMAN MILITARY INTENTIONS.

London, February 7.  
Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters recalls that element of surprise in the war which made its re-appearance last year, for example, in the Riga offensive. It was true that the enemy was opposed by troops of doubtful value, but they had to force the Drina and face what might have been a formidable resistance. Attacking divisions, concentrated seventy miles from the theatre of attack, were hurried up at the last moment and hurled at the Russian brigades after a four hours' bombardment, before the Russians realised that the enemy was really upon them. However, powerless the Russians were, the German General, von Hutier, carried out his plan as if a serious enemy confronted him. It was a brilliantly planned operation. If it possible, the correspondent asks, that the Germans regarded the affair not merely as a victory but as a rehearsal?

## MR. ROOSEVELT'S ILLNESS.

London, February 7.  
Reuter's New York correspondent says Mr. Roosevelt has been successfully operated upon for abscesses. His condition is not regarded as serious.

## THE MEAT RATION.

London, February 8.  
The Food Controller has decided that 151. worth will be the weekly ration of butcher's meat. He also allows the holders of meat cards to purchase an amount of other meats, including bacon, poultry, rabbits, and preserved meat, equivalent to five ounces of uncooked butcher's meat.

## NEW ZEALAND'S FINANCE.

London, February 9.  
According to Reuter's Wellington correspondent, the revenue for the twelve months ending January 31st has increased by £3,836,000 compared with the previous twelve months. There will be a substantial surplus on March 31st. The expenditure has considerably increased, but the country's financial position is uncommonly strong.

## TELEPHONE COMPANY OF EGYPT.

London, February 9.  
The Telephone Company of Egypt has accepted the offer of the Egyptian Government to purchase the undertaking for £755,000.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

London, February 8.  
Silver is quoted at 434 per ounce. There is no demand and the market is easy.

## THE KAISER AND GERMAN MISSIONARIES.

London, February 9.  
Replying to a message of homage from the German Evangelical Missionary Society, the Kaiser has telegraphed: "I hope emphatically that the German Missionaries who have their trust in God and the Empire's protection will after a victorious peace resume their blessed labours to an undiminished extent."

## THE CHINESE UNREST.

London, February 6.  
Reuter's Shanghai correspondent says the Tsuchin, Li Shan, of Nanking, has telegraphically circularised the leaders of both parties in all the Provinces, asking them to state their terms with a view to a settlement, and threatening war upon whichever side refuses. All communication with the Yangtze beyond Hankow is suspended, owing to the Northern war preparations.

## JAPANESE AID FOR CHINA.

London, February 7.  
Reuter's Tokyo correspondent says that, in the Diet, Baron Motono stated that the Government would give financial and military assistance to China.

## NAVAL CHANGES.

London, February 7.  
Admiral Sir T.H.M. Jervis, who was Commander-in-Chief of the China Station from 1913 to 1915, has retired at his own request, in order to facilitate the promotion of junior officers. Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Henry Lippins has been promoted. Admiral and Rear Admiral Edward F.B. Charlton has been made Vice-Admiral.

## SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

## FURIOUS GERMAN ATTACKS.

London, February 9.  
Reuter's correspondent at the French Front, writing under date of the 8th instant, says the Germans are multiplying their attacks in the Verdun region with a fury and persistence recalling the onslaughts in 1916. The right bank of the Meuse has been a particularly active battle sector during the past week. Daily German assaults have been beaten off, resulting only in heavy enemy losses without the semblance of an advantage. Bavarian shock troops and Hanoverians have been conspicuous in these attacks, some of which have not reached the line, the troops leaping from their trenches and meeting the enemy in the open with rifle and bomb, driving them back. Others gained a momentary footing, but were ejected by immediate counter-attacks. As a result of these engagements, the French soldier has never been more gay, more confident or more eager for a decisive grapple with the enemy than now.

London, February 9.  
A French communiqué states:—To the north of the Chemin des Dames and in the Flirey region of Woëvre, we repelled attempted attacks on small posts. There is lively reciprocal artillery firing on the right bank of the Meuse and in the Vosges.

## BRITISH AIRMEN HONOURED.

London, February 8.  
The Press Bureau announces that Captain Haskwill and Lieutenant Banks, of the Flying Corps, have been awarded the Military Cross for bringing down a Gotha in the recent London air raid.

## THE "TUSCANIA" CASUALTIES.

London, February 8.  
The Admiralty announces that in the torpedoing of the *Tuscania*, 2,235 were saved and 166 are missing. So far, 126 bodies have been recovered.

## REFUSAL TO ACCEPT AUSTRIAN CABINET'S RESIGNATION.

London, February 8.  
Reuter's correspondent at Zurich states that the Emperor has refused to accept the resignation of the Austrian Cabinet.

## FUTURE OF GERMAN COLONIES.

London, February 8.  
Reuter's correspondent at Cape Town states that a conference discussing the envisaging of recruiting has passed a resolution to the effect that German South West Africa and German East Africa should under no circumstances be returned to Germany.

## GERMAN FORTUNES ABROAD.

London, February 8.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the *North German Gazette* announces that the private fortunes of citizens in a number of Allied countries, including the United States, Japan, Italy, Siam and China, also monetary claims on debtors residing in these States, must be notified to the Administration of Foreign-Owned Estates.

## THE MAN-POWER QUESTION.

London, February 8.  
The period of grace allowed the Government by the meeting of the Federated Trade Union representatives at Glasgow on January 30 on the subject of man-power expired yesterday, but nothing has happened on the C.O.D. There will be another meeting to-day, but it is not expected that a strike will be recommended, as shop meetings everywhere on the Clyde during the past fortnight have proved that the Socialist agitators have no influence on the mass of workers.

## THE VERSAILLES COUNCIL.

London, February 9.  
Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that the appointment of a new Italian representative on the Versailles Council has been disclosed in an official announcement that, as a result of the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the events of October, 1917, General Cadorna, Porro and Capello will remain at the disposal of the Ministry of War, without diminution of rank or authority, for the sole purpose of assisting at the enquiry, while General Giardino, the ex-Minister of War, is appointed a member of the Versailles Council.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

London, February 7.  
Messrs. Samuel, Montagu and Company's silver report states that the market is again heavy. There are fair supplies and the daily demand is sufficient to absorb offerings without difficulty. Local speculation continues to influence the China exchange; consequently the rates have hardened. The Indian silver holding has increased for the first time since October 31.

London, February 8.  
The silver market is steady.

## TIN DEALING REGULATIONS.

London, February 7.  
By the official regulations regarding tin dealings in the United Kingdom, importers' dealers are restricted to sell against purchases of (a) elsewhere (sic) and to buy against sales to consumers or dealers against sales for export or against tin in transit. Exports can only be made by licence, and consumers can only buy for their own requirements.

## DEVELOPMENTS IN RUSSIA.

London, February 8.  
Reuter's Washington correspondent says the State Department has received through the U.S. Minister at Stockholm an unconfirmed report that the Bolsheviks have driven out all the Allied Missions at Petrograd and that the Missionaries are en route to the Swedish border.

London, February 8.  
According to a Copenhagen telegram, it is reported from Berlin that General Brussiloff has been arrested at Moscow by the order of the local Soviet.

## HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

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## RESERVE FUNDS:

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## Silver — \$18,500,000

## Reserve Liability of

## Proprietors — \$15,000,000

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## VICTORIA REGATTA

16th FEBRUARY, 1918.

AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.  
Commencing at 1 p.m.

ROWING EVENTS.  
THE SCULLS, INTER-CLUB PAIRS & FOURS,  
POLICE RACE, NAVAL CIGS & WHALERS,  
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OPEN TO ALL CLASSES & CHINESE OWNED  
SAMPAVS.

Admission ... .. \$2.00 &amp; \$100.

LADIES FREE.

## SHANGHAI MEN'S WAR SERVICE.

With The Chinese Corps.

Lieut. R. Davidson, 9th B. Royal  
Scots, attached to the Chinese  
Labour Corps, formerly of the  
Customs Statistical Department,  
writes on December 8:—

I received notice from the  
Headquarters of the Army Corps  
I was serving to report at the  
Headquarters of the Chinese  
Labour Corps in France as soon  
as possible for work with them,  
and this is the reason for my  
appearing in a different scene  
of operations.

The weather here is pretty  
trying after my long stay in the  
East, and the last 18 months in  
Palestine, but when one becomes  
a soldier one has to go where he  
is ordered. Perhaps I shall get  
acclimatized in time and be fit  
for the conquering of one of the  
Poles if necessary.

The work here is almost entire-  
ly among coolies, and they do  
not seem to be overworked with  
that commotory called brains.  
We had a good deal of trouble

ring the inhabitants, but now  
some work is given to keep us all  
busy and they will be too tired to  
roam about after a hard day's  
work.

I hope all the friends in Shang-  
hai are keeping in good health  
and doing their bit as regards  
the war.

Loc. Col. F. E. Eastwood, Chinese  
Labour Corps, writes:—

I had a very pleasant 14 day's  
holiday, and am now settled down  
for another 12 months if required.  
Of course it will be a pleasure to  
return home before that time is  
completed, if I am lucky. Give  
my kind regards to my many  
friends in Shanghai.

Mr. A. E. Clayton, of Bales &  
Co., prisoner of war in Germany,  
writing under date of October 28,  
1917, says:—

It is some time since I heard  
any news from Shanghai either  
directly or indirectly. I hope all  
my friends there are keeping well.  
I am well now, although I have  
been ill. Please convey my good  
wishes for Christmas to my  
brother-in-law of the C.E.M.S.  
I sincerely hope I shall be with  
them for the next Christmas.  
We are allowed to attend Communion  
occasionally, which is a great

## NOTICES.

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## ASAHI BEER.



## POST OFFICE.

### CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

Monday the 11th inst., being Chinese  
New Year Day, the Post Office will be  
entirely closed.

There will be no delivery or collection  
of correspondence from the Pillar Boxes.  
Non-Resident holders may, however, obtain  
their ordinary correspondence on applica-  
tion at the enquiry Counter at the South-  
West of the building.

On Tuesday the 12th inst., the Post  
Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m., and  
there will be one delivery and one collec-  
tion of ordinary letters as on Sundays.

The Money Order Office will be entire-  
ly closed.

The Parcel Post Service to British East  
Africa and Egypt (except for members  
of the Expeditionary Forces), and to  
Abyssinia, Bagdad, Brithra, French  
Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portu-  
guese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia  
have been suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy  
subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and  
Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Mor-  
occo cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bul-  
garia and the Ottoman Empire are  
suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United  
Kingdom will in future be forwarded  
from Hongkong in bags and the Public  
are therefore advised to pack such parcels  
very carefully.

Letters franked at the 4 cents rate  
addressed to Yunnanfu and Mongtse and  
other places in the Province of Yunnan  
should be superscribed with the words  
"For delivery by the Chinese Post Office."

Parcels for Greece cannot be accepted  
for transmission unless accompanied by  
a special permit issued by the British  
Minister at Athens.

Arrangements have been made for the  
transmission of parcels to the United  
Kingdom via Canada.

The rates of postage are as follows:—  
Parcel not over 5 lbs. ... 90 cents.  
Do. 7 lbs. ... \$1.80  
Do. 11 lbs. ... 2.70

No insurance can be effected on parcels  
sent by this route.

### IMPORT PROHIBITIONS.

The public are informed that the un-  
dermentioned articles are prohibited  
from importation into the United King-  
dom, either by letter post or by parcel  
post:—

Gold manufactured or unmanufactured  
including gold coin and article containing  
gold, or of containing gold. All manu-  
factures of silver other than silver  
watches and silver watch cases. Jewe-  
lry of any description.

Letters and Parcels containing such  
articles cannot therefore be accepted for  
transmission by the Post Office.

The Parcel Post service to Aden (ex-  
cept in respect of parcels for military and  
naval addresses) has been suspended.

### FRENCH PARCEL REGULATIONS.

The Public are informed that the new  
regulations adopted by the French  
Government in respect of parcels  
addressed to France, Corsica and Algeria  
must all in the columns of the regular  
Customs Declaration particularly and  
exactly, omitting none of the headings  
concerned therein.

It is furthermore absolutely necessary  
to show in the aforesaid declaration (1) The  
full name and address of the addressee  
(2) A statement as to whether the contents  
are intended for State supplies or not.

### LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD.

Tai O.—Week days, 5 p.m.  
Tai Po.—Week days, 10 a.m.; Sundays,  
9.30 a.m.  
Cheung Chow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.  
and 3 p.m.  
Shatohok, Shatin and Sheungshui.—  
Week days, 4 p.m.  
Aberdeen, Au Tau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung,  
Santien and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.  
Canton, Samshui, and Wukow.—Week  
days, 7.30 a.m.; Registration 5 p.m.; Let-  
ters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.  
Macao.—Week days, 7.15 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.;  
Sundays, 9 a.m.  
Kowloon.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except  
Saturdays; Sundays, 5 p.m.  
Amoy and Swatow.—Week days,  
5 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m.  
Shanghai.—Week days, 10 a.m.; 4 p.m.;  
Sundays, 9 a.m.

### FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN BRANCH P.O.

Macao.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.;  
Sundays, 9.30 a.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m.;  
1.30 p.m.  
Canton.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 9.30 p.m.;  
Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m.;  
9.30 p.m.  
Tai Ping Tong.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.;  
Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.  
Shek Koi.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.; Sun-  
days, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.  
Kowloon.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sun-  
days, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.  
Kowloon.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sun-  
days, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.

## WEATHER REPORT.

February 8d. 11th 15th.—No returns  
from Japan, Vladivostok and Indo-  
China. Pressure has decreased slightly  
over N. China and increased slightly else-  
where. The anticyclone remains station-  
ary, and fresh monsoon will prevail along  
the China Coast, and over the N. China  
Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.60 inch.  
Total since January 1st 00.2 inch  
against an average of 1.94 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS  
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

| District                                            | Forecast                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Hongkong to Gap Road                              | N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair. |
| 2 Formosa Channel                                   | N. winds, fresh.                     |
| 3 South coast of China be-<br>tween H.K. and Lamook | The same as No. 1.                   |
| 4 South coast of China be-<br>tween H.K. and Hainan | The same as No. 1.                   |

China Coast Meteorological Register,  
February 8, a.m.

| Station    | Hour | Barometer | Temperature | Humidity | Winds | Force | Weather |
|------------|------|-----------|-------------|----------|-------|-------|---------|
| Vostock    | 6a   |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Nomuro     | 3c   |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Hakodate   |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Tokio      |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Kobe       |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Nagasaki   |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Kagima     |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Oshima     |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Naha       |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Hahima     |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Beiuin Is. |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Whaiwei    | 6a   | 30.34     | 30          | 83       | 0     | b     |         |
| Hankow     |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Ichang     |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Kiukiang   |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Changsha   |      | 30.39     | 37          | 93       | none  | 1     | r       |
| Shanghai   |      | 30.76     | 38          | 100      | n     | 2     | of      |
| Quinfai    |      | 30.13     | 48          | 87       | n     | 1     | o       |
| Sharp P.   |      | 3.13      | 50          | 88       | ne    | 1     | o       |
| Amoy       |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Swatow     |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Taihou     | 5a   | 30.10     | 55          | 84       | e     | 4     | b       |
| Taiou      |      | 30.07     |             |          |       | 0     | b       |
| Taiou      |      | 30.05     | 54          | n        | 4     | b     |         |
| Aschun     |      | 30.11     | 63          | n        | 6     | b     |         |
| Pidore     |      | 30.07     | 55          | nn       | 6     | o     |         |
| Canton     | 6a   | 30.11     | 53          | 85       | n     | 2     | o       |
| H'kong     |      | 30.09     | 55          | 85       | e     | 3     | o       |
| Gap Road   |      | 30.05     |             |          |       | 5     | o       |
| Macao      |      | 30.04     | 70          | 83       | ene   | 1     | of      |
| Whchow     |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Fakhoi     |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Hahow      |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Phallen    |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Tourane    |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| U. St. J.  |      | 29.93     | 70          | 74       | ne    | 4     | o       |
| Paris      |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Dagupan    |      | 29.86     | 64          | 94       | ne    | 2     | b       |
| Manila     |      | 29.85     | 73          | 79       | nn    | 4     | o       |
| Lagundi    |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Tacloban   |      | 29.81     | 72          | 91       | n     | 4     | o       |
| Hollo      |      |           |             |          |       |       |         |
| Surigao    |      | 29.84     | 75          | ne       | 2     | b     |         |
| Guam       | 4.30 | 29.78     | 76          | 95       | sw    | 2     | b       |
| Laoan      | 6    | 29.78     | 76          | 95       | sw    | 2     | b       |

### C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 8, 1918.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees  
Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in in-  
ches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees  
Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation  
the humidity of air saturated with mois-  
ture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort  
Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, c  
clouded, d drizzling rain, f fog, g  
gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast,  
p passing showers, s squally, r rain, s  
snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

## METEOROLOGICAL.

| Previous                            | Day        | On date    | On date    |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| at 10 a.m.                          | at 10 a.m. | at 10 a.m. | at 10 a.m. |
| Barometer                           | 30.05      | 30.09      | 30.08      |
| Temperature                         | 58         | 55         | 62         |
| Humidity                            | 82         | 85         | 62         |
| Wind Direction                      | E.         | E.         | E.         |
| Force                               | 2          | 3          | 3          |
| Weather                             | o          | o          | o          |
| Bain                                | 0.00       | 0.00       | 0.00       |
| Highest temp. at temperature on the | 7th 30     |            |            |
| Lowest                              | 6th 25     |            |            |

H.K. Observatory, Feb. 8, 1918.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

## TIDE TABLE.

From 4th Feb. to 10th Feb.

| High Water | Low Water | High Water | Low Water |
|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Mean Time  | Mean Time | Mean Time  | Mean Time |
| Feb. 4     | Feb. 5    | Feb. 6     | Feb. 7    |
| Feb. 8     | Feb. 9    | Feb. 10    | Feb. 11   |
| Feb. 12    | Feb. 13   | Feb. 14    | Feb. 15   |
| Feb. 16    | Feb. 17   | Feb. 18    | Feb. 19   |
| Feb. 20    | Feb. 21   | Feb. 22    | Feb. 23   |
| Feb. 24    | Feb. 25   | Feb. 26    | Feb. 27   |
| Feb. 28    | Feb. 29   | Feb. 30    | Feb. 31   |

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

## VICTORIA THEATRE.

PROGRAMME FOR FEB. 12, 13 &amp; 14 1918.

TO-NIGHT! 9.15 P.M. TO-NIGHT!

## "THE HUNTING OF HAWK"

The Great Pathe's Gold Rooster Play  
in 5 parts.Pathe's American Gazette.  
Full of News that will interest you

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A Screaming Comedy in 2 parts.

Watch for the opening Date of PEAL WHITE  
in the

## "FATAL RING."

Booking at ANDERSON'S.

## THE SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

"St. George's Day," 23rd April, 1918.

## DRAWING OF WAR BONDS

IN AID OF WAR CHARITIES.

\$500,000 (HONGKONG CURRENCY)

or more or less according to subscriptions

## PROSPECTUS

Tickets \$500. each.  
Prizes to be paid in Bonds of the Hongkong Government 6%  
War Loan of 1916 (which may be redeemed at the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation at par) and, in order to ensure that  
the scheme is productive of "new" money for war purposes, an  
equivalent amount of the prizes will be reinvested by the Hongkong  
and Shanghai Banking Corporation in new British War Loan Stock.

Of the net amount subscribed, 75 per cent. will be distributed  
in prizes, and the remaining 25 per cent. will be given to War  
Charities.

The amount to be distributed in prizes will be divided as  
follows:—

|                         |     |                           |
|-------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| First Prize             | ... | 50 per cent.              |
| Second                  | ... | 15                        |
| Third                   | ... | 10                        |
| Numerous smaller prizes | ... | 25                        |
| ranging in amount from  | ... | H.K. \$1,000 to H.K. \$50 |

Winning Tickets must be presented at the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong during business hours.

Should any winning ticket not be presented before noon on the  
23rd October, 1918, the ticket will be cancelled, and the value will  
be distributed amongst War Charities by the Committee of St.  
George's Society of Hongkong through the medium of the Hong-  
kong War Charities Fund Committee.

The Drawing will be in public and the date and hour at which  
it will take place will be notified in due course by advertisement.

The sale of tickets will close in Hongkong on Saturday, the 13th  
April, 1918.

Any disputes arising will be decided by the Committee of the  
St. George's Society of Hongkong, whose decision shall be final.  
The names of the members of the Committee are:—

|                                         |                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
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Tickets and Books of Tickets can be had on application at  
the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after  
a date to be announced shortly.

H. C. SANDFORD, (Hon. Treasurer),  
CHAR. BESWICK, (Hon. Secretary),  
St. George's "War Bond" Drawing.

## HONGKONG DOG AND CAT SHOW 1918.

THE committee beg to notify  
intending exhibitors that  
the Show will be held sometime  
during March, on a date to be  
notified later.

It has been decided to include  
Poultry provided that sufficient  
entries are forthcoming.

Further particulars may be  
obtained from the Undersigned.

G. W. GEGG,  
Hon. Sec. & Treasurer,  
c/o Messrs. HUGHES  
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## NOTICE.

THE UNITED BRITISH IN-  
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HAVING been appointed  
MARINE AGENTS to the  
above Company, we are prepared to  
ACCEPT RISKS and issue  
Policies at Current Rates.  
UNION TRADING CO.,  
Agents,  
Queen's Buildings,  
Hongkong, 12th February, 1918.